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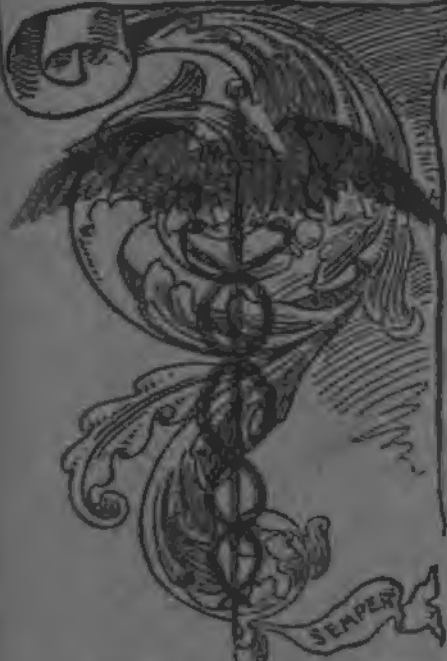
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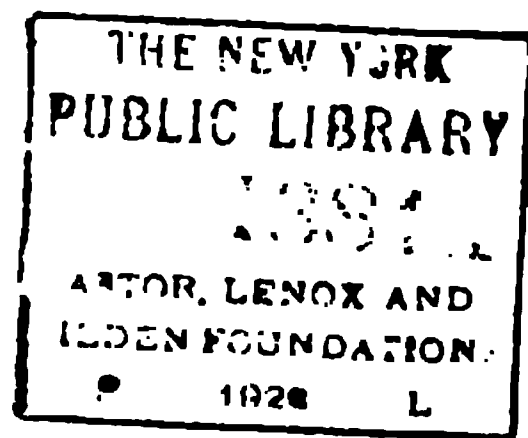
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KAPPA SIGMA DAY AT THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL.

W. L. DARBY (Theta).

It was truly a happy thought on the part of one who had our common interests at heart that we take advantage of the existence of the Centennial, with the opportunity afforded thereby, to gather the largest possible number of Kappa Sigmas together in the beautiful city of Nashville, who might at the same time enjoy the beauties of the Centennial, and accomplish the special purpose of greeting other wearers of the Star and Crescent and enjoying fraternal intercourse with them. The idea was broached at the meeting of the Tennessee State Association in May, and, after a lengthy discus-

sion, a committee was appointed with full power to confer with the officers of the Exposition, and, if it was then deemed advisable, to select a day, and notify the Chapters concerning arrangements. In accordance with these instructions October 15th was chosen and advertised as Kappa Sigma Day, and it was observed in a manner befitting the importance of the occasion and the lauded name of our Southland. Surely the heart of every one who was present beat with a deeper love for the Order which already has so strong a hold on our affections, and all felt that there was added another to the ties that bind us together in fraternal fellowship.

To one who has never had the privilege of attending a Conclave, the meeting gave a good idea of the joys of such a time, while to those who had enjoyed that pleasure, it brought fond recollections of the delights of those days. To all it was evident that there is much to be gained from even a brief association of kindred spirits united for the cultivation of mutual friendship and the formation of moral character.

At the meeting of the Tennessee Association, to which reference was made, officers were elected, and it was agreed that these should act during the Convention. They were: President, Israel M. Putnam (Kappa); First Vice-President, H. M. Cass (Alpha-Iota); Second Vice-President, L. N. Byers (Phi); Third Vice-President, W. W. Horner (Alpha-Theta); Recording Secretary, W. L. Darby (Theta); Corresponding Secretary, H. L. J. Barnes (Gamma); Treasurer, Mercer Green (Omega).

The session was held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, and was called to order by President Putnam at 10.30, being opened with prayer by Dr. J. C. Barbee, father of two of Kappa's men. In a charmingly worded speech by Hon. T. J. Tyne (Kappa) the visiting brothers were given a hearty welcome to the city. W. S. Faulkner (Theta) responded in a talk equally apt and well received. Then Dr. Stubblefield (Omicron) told to the great enjoyment of all incidents of

college and Fraternity life back in the '70s, adding also other words of welcome. Thus were we made to feel that we were at home, and in the hands of friends and brothers true.

In the absence of all members of the S. E. C. the message from them was delivered by W. V. Martin, the handsome brother of our energetic W. G. T., who spoke for "Old Virginny." Dr. Richardson (Omicron), who has rendered such valuable assistance to Xi Chapter, spoke on behalf of Arkansas, telling also of the days now long gone by when he was an active member. Bro. Sloan, President of Indianapolis Alumni Association, then gave us assurances of the West's sympathy with our undertaking.

While all regretted that Bro. Tyler could not be present, we felt that his place was ably filled by Hunter Wilson (Alpha-Theta), who took his place as orator of the day. Though having been notified only a few days before, he delivered a splendid address on "Fraternal Influence and a Woman's Blessing."

A committee was then appointed to secure the names of all delegates present, and they made the following report:

Delta.—Fetzer, McKeathan.

Epsilon.—H. W. Blanks.

Omega.—Averill, Taylor.

Theta.—Collins, Craig, Crawford, P. F. Darby, W. L. Darby, Dyer, Duncan, Faulkner, Fulton, Hearn, E. N. Johnson, S. D. Johnson, W. D. Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Moorman, McDearmon, Waterhouse, Yates.

Iota.—J. C. Hardy (also Kappa).

Kappa.—J. F. Barbee, Dye, G. M. Duckworth, R. P. Duckworth, Beard, Deadrick (also Phi), Bringhurst (also Phi), Thompson, Estes, Foster, Fullilove, Marable, Orr, Putnam, Steger, Tyne, Wood, Richardson (also Omicron), Hardy (also Iota), Moseley, Rosser, Savage (also Alpha-Theta), D. Rankin Barbee, O. H. Wilson, W. O. Harris, Terry.

Lambda.—Ross, Swank, Tyler, Brock, Branch, Thompson (also Kappa).

Nu.—W. V. Martin.

Omicron.—Crawford (also Theta), Richardson, Stubblefield.

Chi.—Geo. B. Sloan.

Alpha-Upsilon.—Galloway.

Alpha-Theta.—Anderson, Buck, Burke, Cox, Holbrook, Horner, King, Ross, Skene, Whitesides, Wilson, Young.

Alpha-Iota.—Cooper, Keener, Oliver.

Alpha-Xi.—Sloss, Terry, Clark, Briggs.

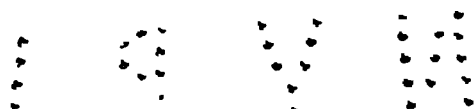
Phi.—McGruder, Byers, Deadrick, Bringham, Kendrick, Lyle, Rea, Bond, Bailey, Hollins, and Beach.

From this list it is obvious that the Convention was quite a representative body, fifteen Chapters being represented, with a total of nearly eighty-five delegates. Not many Conclaves have a much better showing.

T. J. Tyne, W. L. Darby, W. W. Horner, H. Wilson, and J. H. Fullilove were appointed as a Committee on Resolutions. They made the following report, which, after several vigorous speeches, was unanimously adopted.

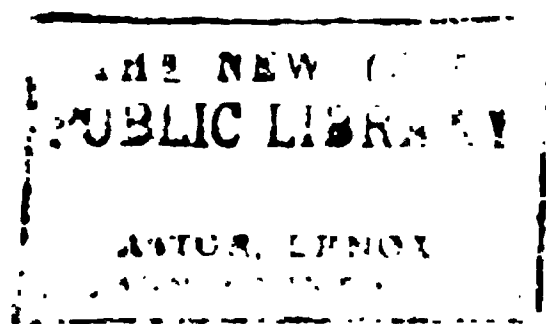
“WHEREAS, The place at which the next Conclave shall be held is soon to be decided by the Supreme Executive Committee, believing that it is advisable for the interests of the Fraternity that this meeting be held in the South; therefore be it

“*Resolved*, That as the Tennessee State Convention has already considered the question and determined upon Chattanooga as the most desirable place, we, members of Chapters in various States assembled in the city of Nashville on October 15th, 1897, Kappa Sigma Day at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, do hereby indorse the action of that Convention, and respectfully request and urge the Supreme Executive Committee to name Chattanooga as the meeting place





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of the next Conclave, and to notify the Chapters of such action at the earliest possible time.

"If this be done we heartily pledge ourselves to support the State Association, and to aid in every way in making the Conclave a complete success.

"Be it further resolved, That we ask the Supreme Executive Committee to appoint the time for holding the Conclave later in the collegiate year, if possible during the Christmas holidays."

After a short but interesting discussion concerning the general welfare of Kappa Sigma, the Convention adjourned, marching *en masse* from the Capitol through the principal streets to the Maxwell House.

There at 2.30, according to previous arrangement, most of the members again gathered for a tally-ho ride. There fine vehicles were in waiting, and all were well filled by enthusiastic Kappa Sigmas bent on having a good time, and they had it. With noisy cheers from lusty lungs, and noiser blasts from lustier horns, we passed along the crowded thoroughfares with a beautiful banner floating in the breeze, admired and envied by all ages, sizes, and conditions of men who gazed at us in wonder and amazement. Over the river on the magnificent bridge, and out the residence streets of East Nashville we moved. Many a maiden fair greeted us with merry smile, or joyous laughter, or hearty cheer, or the waving of a diminutive kerchief by a dainty hand, thus bringing glad sunshine into our hearts.

Our return down other avenues was equally triumphant, and again we drove swiftly through the busy streets on which the crowds which in their haste had scarcely time to notice us, yet did, and out Broadway to old Vanderbilt, then through the great gates and over the smooth roads about the campus. The huge buildings stood before us in all their impressive grandeur, and numerous students scattered around the

grounds viewed us and were viewed in turn. Thence we urged the tiring horses with cries from tired lungs and again and again yelled our

“Rah, rah, rah, Crescent and Star!
Vive la, vive la, Kappa Sigma!”

for the benefit of those by whom we passed, until throats were too hoarse for utterance when we reached our starting place once more. But Nashville learned that there were some live Kappa Sigmas in town.

However, the end was not yet, for when the shades of evening had cast their gloom over the city we gathered with happy hearts within the Centennial grounds accompanied each by a lady. The Woman's Building was placed at our disposal, and we found it beautifully lighted and decorated for the occasion. “Kappa Sigma” in electric lights of old gold, maroon, and peacock blue just over the entrance bade us welcome, and within we found ribbons and flowers tastefully arranged in honor of our coming. Fischer's Band discoursed sweet music from the gallery above, while gentle voices murmured a low accompaniment through corridors and halls. Hon. Van Leer Kirkman, Vice-President of the Centennial Commission, and Mrs. Kirkman, President of the Woman's Board, received us as we entered, and we greatly appreciated their kindness. Delicious refreshments were served in one of the large rooms, and of course we did justice to everything which was set before us. It is hardly necessary to say that the young ladies looked their best arrayed in becoming evening costumes, and Nashville's deserved reputation as the home of so many beautiful women was well sustained, as was also Kappa Sigma's name for chivalrous attention to the fairer sex.

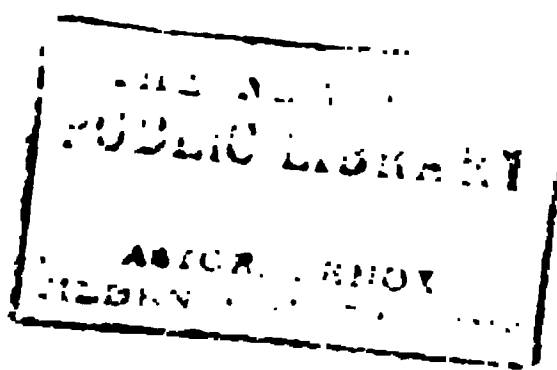
Thus in pleasant conversation the hours sped swiftly by until presently the hour of departure was at hand, and reluctantly we journeyed back to the city and sought our respect-



GEORGE A. JENNINGS.

(ALPHA-PII)

Coach of Bucknell University Foot ball Team for 1897.



ive places of abode, feeling that we had spent a profitable day.

Much credit is due Kappa Chapter for bearing so large a portion of the burden and responsibility, and for the energy and devotion with which they labored for the success of the meeting in all its various phases.

Surely it can be said that Kappa Sigma Day proved a great benefit to the Fraternity, making us better known in the city and throughout the South, and enabling us as individual members to become better acquainted with many of our brothers whom we had known heretofore only by name. Because of these things which were gained it will linger for many years in the memories of those who were permitted to be present as a day in which the bonds of fraternal affection drew us closer together, and awakened new zeal for the organization of which we are proud to claim ourselves members.

GEORGE A. JENNINGS.

(ALPHA-PHI.)

THE development of college foot-ball has been so rapid that any one who undertakes to coach a present-day college team is compelled to bring into play the activity of a fertile and resourceful brain as well as the experience gained in actual play upon the gridiron. In fact, it requires the highest degree of mental activity to work out with the required detail the great variety of plays which a successful foot-ball team makes use of in a season. The greatest proof of this is the fact that the chief coaches of our great college teams are in nearly every instance men who in their student life took high rank in the class-room.

George A. Jennings, the subject of this sketch, in every way measures up to the requirements of the successful coach.

He was born March 14th, 1872, at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He attended the public schools of that city until he was sixteen years of age, when his parents removed to Great Bridge, Virginia. In 1891 he entered the Media Academy, at Media, Pa., and it was there that he played his first games of foot-ball. In 1892 he attended the Chester Academy, and in 1893 entered the Freshman Class of Bucknell University. Here his value as a foot-ball player was speedily recognized, and he made the position of tackle on the 'Varsity team during his Freshman year. The next year he played full-back, and during his Junior and Senior years was, perhaps, the best centre rush that ever played on a Bucknell team. While playing this position he came into contact with such great centres as Bull, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Murray, of the Pennsylvania State College. It was when viewing his work opposite such men that the real strength of Jennings could be seen, and by the time his last game was played he had acquired a well-deserved reputation as a great foot-ball player.

He graduated in 1897, and was at once secured to coach the foot-ball team at Bucknell for that fall. His skill and energy in that position is best shown by the low score, 17 to 0, in the game between Bucknell and the University of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Jennings was one of the charter members of Alpha-Phi Chapter of Kappa Sigma, and has done much toward placing the Fraternity on a firm foothold in Bucknell University. The same energy and ability which has characterized his work in other spheres has been constantly present in his labors for his Fraternity.

At the present time he is preparing himself to enter upon the practice of the law and the best wishes of his Fraternity brothers will go with him in his chosen avocation.

PITTSBURG ALUMNI CHAPTER.

IN former years the Pittsburg Alumni Chapter of Kappa Sigma was one of the strong forces in keeping alive Alumni interest in the Fraternity. In those good days there were gathered together in Pittsburg a congenial lot of brothers from North, South, East, and West, and the flames on Bologna's altar were kept brightly burning. In the last year or so, however, a change has taken place, and the once joyous chronicles of the Pittsburg Alumni Chapter have been replaced by sad silence.

Such a state of affairs could not continue on indefinitely, and in the fall of the year just passed the work of revival began. Early in September loyal and enthusiastic brothers began to devise the scheme for reorganization, and after several small informal meetings quite a number met at the home of good Bro. Demmler on Monday evening, November 29th. Our host had provided an entertainment in the form of a smoker, with good music to soften our hearts and refresh our Chapter-house recollections. Good stories and cherished reminiscences of college life were related, and the joyous intercourse of the old days was ours once again.

As the evening wore on, however, the levity and mirth ceased and plans were discussed looking to a firm reorganization of our body. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that with the Alumni the only sure way to make the bond strong is to have the social feature always in evidence. When the Alumnus realizes the truth of his undergraduate teaching that the fraternal bond is a social bond of joy and love for life, then it is easy to carry him farther into Fraternity work and make him valuable to his Fraternity's progress. With a firm resolve to act on this line we adjourned to meet at the Hotel Henry on December 13th when the plans for

our functions could be discussed with more detail and the officers of the Chapter chosen.

When we met at the Hotel Henry there was a gratifying increase in attendance, and with Acting President C. E. Middleton in the chair, the first business entered upon was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, C. E. Middleton; Vice-President, T. M. Benner, Jr.; Treasurer, Bro. Demmler; Secretary, Joseph Darragh, Jr. As some of the members, hailing from widely separated Chapters, were not as yet well acquainted, it was decided that for the initial entertainment of the revived Alumni Chapter a good old Kappa Sigma banquet was the proper thing. The banquet will be held just before New Year's at the Hotel Duquesne, and until that happy event can be chronicled, I am,

Fraternally,

JOSEPH DARRAGH, JR.

DECEMBER 21st, 1897.



THE VALUE OF A FRATERNITY.—"Before the student is admitted to college, he probably has reflected upon the question of whether he shall join a Fraternity. Certainly, if he has not been obliged to consider this question before he has received his matriculation papers, he will find himself obliged to consider it soon after he has begun work. The Greek-letter Fraternities, as they have come to be known, represent a very large element in American college life. For more than fifty years they have played an important *role*. It is apparent that they are to be permanent factors. Of them are more than fifty, which have Chapters in many colleges. There are also local Fraternities. The foundation of some of them runs back more than sixty years. Various purposes control and various methods prevail. In some the literary purpose and motive, in some the oratorical, in some the scholastic; but more generally and quite generally the social and friendly method and purpose dominate. College Fraternities are becoming more and more simple associations of men who like each other, and who like to be associated with each other. Whether a student shall join one depends very largely upon the student, and also upon the Fraternity which he may be asked to join. On the whole, I feel that if he can afford the

expense, and the expense in some cases is slight, and in others heavy, he will get more out of his college life by being a member. He will form more numerous, more ardent, and more lasting friendships. The disadvantage of Fraternities is pretty closely related to what is called 'college politics.' College politics, on the whole, is quite as bad for the college as what is known as 'politics' in the larger world of civil relations is bad for pure democratic government. For the bickerings and squabbings prevailing in college politics consume large amounts of time and strength without rendering adequate results. But the same temptation of going into college politics exists for the man who is not a member of any Fraternity."—*President Thwing, of Western Reserve University, in Review of Reviews.*

WHAT TO DO WITH THE FRESHMAN.—And now that the Freshman is initiated, what are you going to do with him and what is he going to do? He will do nothing and he will be nothing unless you give him opportunities and direction. Put one Freshman on every committee at once, making your appointments in accordance with individual fitness. One man is a born rusher; let the membership committee use him in landing more Freshmen. One has a good business head; make him the treasurer's agent and confidential secretary. One is enamored of facts and figures; let the historian give him all encouragement in his power and the reporter make use of him in need. Another has the rare combination of qualities which makes a man prompt, tactful, and enthusiastic, able to write well without becoming either conventional or bombastic—a man who knows an item of important news when he hears it, knows how to tell it and how to use it. Let the reporter look after this man; let him become correspondent for some local or home newspaper; have him write a Chapter letter once or twice when the reporter is busy, but not too busy to look over the letter and make suggestions and cor-

rections. Then, next year, or year after, make this man your reporter. The Freshmen want to work; encourage them to try for class teams and the musical clubs, help them to prepare their debates and essays and orations and give every one of them some Fraternity work to do.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

AVOID HORSEPLAY IN INITIATIONS.—The following article from another Fraternity magazine aptly illustrates what a Chapter may lose by having the reputation of handling candidates roughly and making them do senseless and disagreeable things during initiation. If an outside impression of the secret ceremony must exist, let it be an impression that a candidate is initiated decently and solemnly without humiliation to himself.

“Not infrequently it happens that one of our Chapters proffers an election to some desirable Freshman, who appears friendly and interested, who ‘chums’ with the Chapter, selects his intimates from its membership, and in every way seems in the ordinary course of things to be destined to be a Beta, and yet who evades or refuses offers of membership in a way which puzzles the Chapter. Not very long ago we were asked to advise a Chapter which had met with such refusal. We knew the lad referred to, and knowing that from family relations and other circumstances he would naturally desire to become a Beta, we sought him out and asked him frankly the reasons for his refusal. After some hesitation, he explained that he would like to join the Chapter, but was obliged to decline to do so because he had heard that its initiates were subjected to all kinds of personal affronts and indignities during the ceremony of initiation; that they were blindfolded and bound, and while thus helpless were compelled to do many humiliating if not degrading things. He said he was not afraid to undergo any necessary test of nerve or courage, but he knew the mischievous proclivities of some of the members, and would not place himself unreservedly

in their hands for even a short time. As he had recently been the hero of a rescue from drowning, his courage could not be called into question. Upon making inquiry of the Chapter, it was found that happily this was one which had retained its ancient simplicity of ritual, and not overloaded it with extraneous 'tests of courage' and ridiculous horseplay, and upon our assurance that he would receive nothing but courteous and gentlemanly treatment, he promptly consented to initiation.

"There is here a lesson to be drawn by all those Chapters which permit their love of fun to run away with their good sense and natural courtesy. The pity of the system of horseplay which has grown up around so many so-called initiations is that it frequently excludes from membership, the high-strung, nervous, fine-fibered boy who would add honor to the Chapter and the Fraternity, and whose presence within the Chapter is needed to correct the excess of animalism. Invitations to the Fraternity are more often refused for the reason stated than is generally suspected, and each Chapter may profitably ask itself whether it might not have one or more good Betas within its ranks if it could assure him or them the welcome of a gentleman and a scholar instead of a bully and a fool."—*Beta Theta Pi.*

EDITORIALS.

Through several letters recently received information of visits by members of Chapters to the homes of other Chapters has come to us in such a tone as to make the heart glad. In every instance the reception was a royal one, and the impression formed on all sides was that the Kappa Sigmas of to-day are singularly uniform in their mental, moral, and fraternal standards. Truly the Fraternity may congratulate itself upon such a condition. If there is one pre-eminent characteristic that should distinguish a college Fraternity of to-day it is the existence among the members of certain manly qualities common to all, the existence of certain fraternal instincts precluding the idea of Chapter exclusiveness as against Fraternity unity. It is, of course, not wise for us to take on too much of a self-sufficient feeling, and cease to labor to forge firmer the bonds of Kappa Sigma from Maine to Texas; but with the knowledge that our Fraternity ideals have so far borne fruit, we must cheerfully go on striving to make every new member realize more firmly than his older brother the strength of the Kappa Sigma bond, that bond for life created under the emblematical light of the Star and Crescent, and for the purpose of forming ties that will stand the test of time and adversity.

One of the best signs of the times in Kappa Sigma is the action of many of the Chapters in arranging for each meeting features of entertainment and instruction apart from the routine Chapter work. The details vary somewhat in the several Chapters, but the main underlying idea is the same with all, to make the brothers feel that a Chapter meeting is something more than the mere gathering together of Fraternity brothers for the purpose of hearing read communications from Fra-

ternity officers or going through an initiatory ceremony if there happens to be a candidate. One Chapter has adopted a plan for these exercises which we think should be followed by every Chapter in the Fraternity. After the regular Chapter business has been finished a half-hour is given to a discussion of the secret work of the Fraternity, or else to talks upon the Fraternity's history and progress. After this a time is devoted to literary exercises of such a nature as to be both instructive and entertaining, as, for instance, reviews and criticisms of works of current literature. In this way a pleasant evening in the Chapter hall is passed, and the members all feel that they have both profited and been entertained. Let every Chapter inaugurate this style of meeting, and the tremendous development of Fraternity spirit will constitute the reward.

The Conclave of '98 is yet some months off, but prospective legislation is being discussed among prominent Fraternity members, and probably the most important matter which will be agitated is the question of placing still greater safeguards around the establishment of new Chapters. It is true that a wise and conservative Supreme Executive Committee has in the past two years been both slow and careful in the matter of granting charters for new Chapters, but that is the result of individual forethought. What the Fraternity needs is a constitutional amendment which will make it out of the power of any future S. E. C. to act in a radical manner. There can arise no conditions which would warrant the hasty establishment of a Chapter, and with the number of desirable colleges for Kappa Sigma now so few there is every reason why the Chapters should have a voice in making any addition to our roll. Briefly, this is what is aimed at, a vote on applications by the Chapters, unanimous of course, and in addition a longer period of probation for petitioners. New Chapters

are no longer a necessity with us, and we can well afford to apply the test of time to any body of men that wishes to unite with our Fraternity. The fact that Kappa Sigma possesses these safeguards, that her policy is extremely conservative, and that her petitioners must be passed upon by a large number of the representative college men of to-day will keep away from her portals all but the very best, and they having carefully made their selection of a Fraternity will content to bide their time.

The Editor is not of a complaining nature, in fact, never desires to criticise unfavorably. For the contributors to **THE CADUCEUS**, and especially the Chapter correspondents, he has a most kindly feeling, but there are some faults in a few Chapter letters that really must be protested against, mildly, but firmly. Of course, the first thing is to get a Chapter letter, and get it on time. To those correspondents who appreciate this necessity, all hail, we say. At the same time remember that **THE CADUCEUS** is supposed to occupy some position in the field of literature, and that implies the use of good English; it may not always be perfect in style, but let it always be good. To our mind there can be no stronger indictment against the education and culture of a college man than the fact that he cannot write good English. Yet in some instances the blue pencil has to be freely used, and even whole letters rewritten, because of the bad grammar and literary barbarisms. Aside from the matter of grammar, which we know can be easily remedied by the correspondents, let us give a few imperative "don'ts." Don't continually abbreviate words, as frat., bro., and the like. Don't refer to your brothers by a mere college pseudonym, such as "Buck." Don't use original or any other kind of slang in describing the initiation of a brother. A description of "Sir William's" high kicking act may seem clever, but it really is not. To describe the initia-

tion of a gentleman into Kappa Sigma as "spearing" a "barb.," or "bucking" a "fish" shows a shocking want of appreciation for the dignity of the Fraternity, and the solemnity of its initiatory ceremony. So long as all this continues the Editor is forced to blue pencil and rewrite Chapter letters, thereby greatly increasing his labors and exhausting his patience. Happily the offenders are few, and it is hoped that this admonition will cause them to see the error of their ways.

When the Fraternity published the new directory it was done upon the supposition that a certain number of copies would be taken by members of the Fraternity. Many of the Chapters and brothers have complied with their subscriptions, but many more have not. It is not believed that those members who take an active interest in the Fraternity are going to fail to order their copies of the directory, but we wish to urge them to be prompt in so doing. This work was put out at a very large cost to Kappa Sigma, and unless the great majority of the books are sold, a financial loss is inevitable. We therefore hope that all brothers who attempt to keep alive their Fraternity spirit will speedily secure copies.



It is now nearly three years since the writer began the work of reviewing the exchanges that come to the editor's table. In that time many changes have taken place in the different magazines, nearly always for the better. One of the most evident changes has been the method of conducting these magazines. Years ago they published articles upon a wide and somewhat indiscriminate list of topics more or less connected with Fraternity life, but of little aid in stimulating Fraternity progress. To-day this is all changed, and the tendency is to make the Fraternity magazine the chief factor in Fraternity centralization; to make it strictly for the use of the Fraternity alone, treating little, if at all, of general Greek-world topics, in fact, making it a sort of inanimate administrative force. All this is for the better if not carried too far, but it certainly makes reviewing more or less unsatisfactory, if not impossible. In deciding the scope and tone of a Fraternity magazine we think, perhaps, that one or two of the Sorority journals have found the happy medium. They give their readers enough Greek Fraternity literature (literature that can be read with appreciation and profit by a member of any Fraternity) to make them feel that the magazine is not a mere bulletin, and at the same time they are thoroughly alive with suggestions and means for internal development in their immediate Fraternities. Such a magazine is to our mind the successful one.

Taking up *Beta Theta Pi* for December we are at once impressed by a contribution, entitled "The Chapter Letter." This topic is one that appeals to every thoughtful Fraternity man, and though the writer of the article referred to may, perhaps, be a trifle captious in some of his criticisms, yet in the main he is well with the truth when he says that Chapter correspondents "frequently are guilty of the most outrageous sins of omission and commission, leaving out the things they should say, and saying the things they should leave out." Further on we read: "We now come to the important and vital point of these letters, viz., the information they contain about the Chapter. With few exceptions, they fail to reveal the spirit, the life, and the true workings of the Chapter. They fail to show its condition, its prospects, or its relative position with respect to its rivals or to the college world of which it is an inhabitant." And then the writer goes on, saying that a study of these letters shows that they are perfect specimens of the imitative faculty. Each correspondent has followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, the letters in this regard being usually made up of a jumbled iteration and reiteration of "honors" alleged to have fallen to the lot of the Chapter's members. These, he says, "are given in bare detail, with no sense of proportion, no discriminating characterization, and with perfect lack of flavor. The writer claims that the causes of the faults and weakness of a Chapter letter are two—deference to tradition and fear of publicity. For the first he says that tradition is a powerful factor in college and Fraternity life, and the correspondents of to-day do the same work former correspondents did. He rightly thinks that merely "to state this mischief is to remedy it," if the correspondents are worth anything. For the second cause he says, "It is not easy to have the secretaries tell the plain, unvarnished facts about their Chapters." They fear the outside effect, he says, and hence feel they must always write in the key of continual prosperity, continuous happiness, and abso-

lute success. Finally we wish every Kappa Sigma correspondent to note these words: "The secretaries should realize, however, that while they may by misrepresentation of this kind deceive their enemies, at the same time they are seriously misleading their friends, who could solve their problems, help them out of their difficulties, and turn their apparent weakness into real strength. We believe the time has come when Beta Theta Pi is strong enough not to fear the publication of the truth concerning the condition of any of its Chapters. We feel sure that the Fraternity at large would rather know it, if one of our Chapters had met with misfortune or loss, through the letter of the Chapter stating the facts, than first to learn of it in distorted form by the statement of some envious rival."

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi for December contains an article on the desirability of large Chapters, in which the writer advances arguments pro and con. We quote a portion as follows: "Large Chapters, as a rule, tend to destroy individuality, in that one is not able to form intimate acquaintance with each and every individual brother. In regard to Fraternity affairs the influence is similar, for the necessary duties are shifted from the many to the few willing workers. Thus the greater number has no insight into the government of the organization. If this be true, it is evidence that Fraternity spirit will be diminished. As you take away the knowledge of a member's duties to and for his Fraternity, his interest in his brothers as well as his Fraternity welfare will likewise be taken away. This, however, is only a possible consequence of large Chapters, and may be overcome by the judicious appointment of committees.

"Then, perhaps, the greatest objection that can be raised to large Chapters is the liability of factional spirits. Class factions being especially liable to arise against the more influential members, would gather partisans around them, thus

destroying harmony by producing internal strife. This alone destroys the object for which Fraternities were founded.

"On the other hand, large Chapters have many advantages. By numbers alone the Fraternity is enabled to be much more influential in all college affairs; likewise they can afford more commodious halls or better furnished Chapter-houses, which in themselves give advantages in spiking and creating public opinion in favor of a Fraternity.

"It is a safe rule to obtain all good men possible, since by losing one you weaken your own Fraternity by strengthening another.

"A large Chapter also has the advantage, that from year to year a sufficiently large number of members are able to return, and thus keep the Fraternity on a good working basis."

We think, in fact have always thought, that the large Chapters have decidedly the best of the argument. It is hard to believe that twenty-five young men almost constantly together, meeting under the ban of secrecy at very frequent intervals, and guided by the same influences, cannot be able to form an intimate acquaintance with each other. Nor should a large Chapter develop any factional spirit among its members if the members are the right sort of men and understand and appreciate the fraternal obligation.

Secretary Holden, of the Grand Council, has a strong article on Theta Nu Epsilon. He gives the arguments in favor of and against a member of any other general Fraternity uniting with Theta Nu Epsilon. We give those arguments against membership and hope every Kappa Sigma will take them to his heart. They are as follows: "First, it creates jealousies, ill-feeling, and division within the Chapter. Those Sophomores who are not invited to join Theta Nu Epsilon necessarily feel slighted, and they will, perhaps, yes, probably, attribute it to the failure of their own brothers to press their claims. I have in mind an instance where four Sophomores out of eight in a certain Chapter were invited to join

Theta Nu Epsilon, and accepted. A schism was at once created between these classmates, which spread to the whole Chapter, and well-nigh rent it in twain.

"Second, Theta Nu Epsilon usually takes a hand in class politics, and it seems to me inevitable but that occasionally Theta Nu Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi should have a candidate for the same office, and in such cases the brother who is a member of Theta Nu Epsilon having a double loyalty, is bound to be false to one society, or at least he must be placed in the embarrassing position of appearing to be false to one or the other, and his advocacy of either candidate must necessarily be weakened by his known connection with the other.

"Third, Theta Nu Epsilon is known chiefly for its deviltry. Its initiatory escapades are unmanly and undignified.

"Fourth, What our Fraternity needs more than anything else is improvement within the Chapters, and it is my firm conviction that all the time and money one has at his disposal should be devoted to his Chapter. Phi Kappa Psi has a right to demand this of him. I have in mind a case where a brother of our Fraternity wore a Theta Nu Epsilon pin, but did not wear any of his own Fraternity. This presumably meant that association with his brothers in Theta Nu Epsilon was more congenial to him than were those in his own society."

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for November is a Convention number, and, judging from the number of delegates present and the report of the proceedings, it must have been a highly successful affair. From the oration delivered on that occasion we wish every Kappa Sigma to make a mental note of this paragraph:

"There is another thought closely allied to the requirements or essentials of an ideal Sigma Chi, and that is what constitutes an ideal Fraternity. If it was in the minds of the founders of this Fraternity that its members should possess high attributes, it must follow that it was also within the minds of the founders that the whole Order should partake of the

same character as the individual members. With the growth of the country, institutions of learning have sprung up like mushrooms, and many of them have been created which should never have known the light. We now have a Fraternity of fifty Chapters—some of them in magnificent institutions of learning, some of them in struggling, unimportant seminaries, called by brevet colleges or universities. It is unreasonable to expect that Chapters that would be of service, or reflect dignity upon the Fraternity, could survive in unendowed and obscure academies. I believe it better that we should decrease the number of Chapters we now have than to extend into fields already too fully occupied or unable to support any Greek-letter society whatsoever. It costs men and money to maintain a Chapter in the most modest way. Students are proverbially poverty stricken, and Chapters struggling against adverse circumstances are but a drag, an incubus, upon their flourishing sisters. Each Chapter should be self-sustaining and beyond; otherwise it will wither and fade and pass away."

Every thought there expressed by the speaker will apply to Kappa Sigma. It is to develop the Fraternity on those lines that the proposed change in the method of granting charters is suggested. Internal progress is now our real aim, and the acquirement of any new Chapters should be merely incidental and not to be especially strived for.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for November opens with an article, "Progress or Stagnation." The writer takes the view that the ultra conservatism of Delta Kappa Epsilon in impartially rejecting all applications for Chapters is as impolitic as too great a laxity would be. This may be true, but we fancy that Delta Kappa Epsilon, with nearly forty Chapters, almost all well established in strong institutions, will look long and carefully before admitting another to the fold. There is one short paragraph, however, where the writer touches an all-important truth. He says, "In considering the

availability of an institution, its prospects as well as its present condition should be taken into account. If we looked merely at statistics of income, number of students, size of faculty, and numbers of volumes in the library, the University of Texas might seem on a par with various colleges of very minor rank. But we know that these colleges have no assurance of growth, while the University of Texas is certain before long to become one of the greatest institutions of learning in America." This must be evident to every careful Fraternity thinker. There are many institutions old and well known where progress has been supplanted by decadence; there are many more with large names and alluring catalogues which are of mushroom growth and doubtful permanency. From these places a Fraternity cannot keep too far away. With the writer's remarks on Canadian extension we agree. He says:

"The question of Canadian extension calls for consideration on different lines from that of extension in Europe. I believe that the cultivation of intimate relations between Canada and the United States is a patriotic duty. In many respects the two countries are one already. The transfusion of blood has gone on until a fourth of all native Canadians are living in the United States. It is desirable that those living at home should be brought into close and friendly contact with the best side of American life."

There are four or five Canadian colleges and universities which are far above the level of many American institutions where our best Fraternities maintain Chapters, and it would seem that there might well be developed through the college Fraternity a closer bond between the educated men of Canada and the United States.

Under the caption, "A Greek-Letter Rescue," there is given a touching instance of how a man's membership in Delta Kappa Epsilon proved of tremendous value to him in a time of direst necessity. The story briefly is that the man, once wealthy and prominent in professional and political cir-

cles, was arrested in New York on the charge of obtaining money by a forged check. He was without funds to defray the expenses of his trial, but he called on an old Fraternity brother who agreed to defend him, and who brought other distinguished counsel into the case. The defense was that it was a case of mistaken identity, and it was necessary to secure witnesses from a long distance. Another brother advanced the money to defray these witnesses' expenses, and the man was acquitted without a stain on his character. It was truly a noble example of fraternal love, and the editor of the *Quarterly* has aptly spoken of it in this manner:

"With such deeds as these in view, we are confronted, not simply by the beautiful theory of fraternal fellowship, but by the practical application of that theory. Loyalty to friends under all circumstances is noble, and any influence which tends to develop and encourage, and even create, such feelings is grand. Such is the Fraternity idea. Men of all natures, beliefs, and dispositions, are brought together, and the whole mass assimilated by that influence. Friendships are formed to last forever, the selfish world for the moment forgotten, and the natural characteristics and tendencies of mankind elevated and ennobled through the same influences. What better answer can there be to those, who, oftentimes blinded by an ignorant prejudice, are loud in their denunciation of the college Fraternity system, than such demonstrations and evidences of Fraternity spirit as the above. The theory is all right, they say, but look at the actual. The actual in this case will stand inspection, and this is only one of many. We think the experience of those competent to judge will testify that, when put to the crucial test, our practice and theory are largely synonymous."

The college magazines occasionally give us some bright thoughts upon current topics. From the *Vanderbilt Observer* we take the following editorial upon the notorious South Carolina Legislature:

“Johnny bills are not the only historical achievements of State Legislatures. Those who prided themselves on the Tennessee House must now acknowledge a superior, and surrender the palm to South Carolina. The august legislative body of that State, without taking time to comb the hay seeds out of their ambrosial locks, has suddenly decreed that all Greek-letter Fraternities shall cease to exist within the bounds of their jurisdiction. The only reason they seem to allege for their action is that given by a member formerly a student at Columbia. He complains that the existence of Fraternities destroyed there the social standing of non-Fraternity men. The young ladies are not satisfied with *οἱ βάρβαροι*, but proceed to snub them indiscriminately. From this the gentleman argues, with delightful candor, that the oppressed must be emancipated from the yoke of Fraternity exclusiveness. He speaks with the emotion of one who has suffered. We extend him sympathy for his unhappy fate. But, apart from the legality of their procedure, was it honest? Was it worthy of a State with the history which South Carolina is proud to boast? The highest argument which could be made in favor of any Fraternity is its conservatism. College Fraternities are not made to embrace the whole student body, any more than society proper embraces the whole population. Discrimination is the natural outcome of both. The South Carolina Legislature may tear down every Fraternity hall in the State; they may break into the banks and squander the possessions of the rich; they may destroy, or endeavor to destroy, all the genealogical archives; but they cannot obliterate social distinctions, any more than they can make a white man out of a Malay, or a good citizen out of an African negro. Men are not equal; college men are not equal. Some distinction is inevitably made; and, Fraternity or no Fraternity, the Columbia young ladies will have their preferences, and snub accordingly. We are indeed sorry that God did not make South Carolina legislators as good as their fellows.”

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

The holidays are almost here; the old year is almost gone, but her funeral dirges will herald in the new, and this new year, we hope, may prove to be a very bright one for the Fraternity at large; one in which each individual member may find something to do for the society we all love so well. The University is deserted; the "Med." has gone away to look over those fields in which he intends to wield his two-edged sword; the "Academ.," too, has sought the parental roof, "while Blackstone's on the shelf neglected laid." Zeta's members have separated, and, we trust, by this time, are floating on the surface of many pleasant occasions.

Virginia has closed a very successful foot-ball season, and her team is now, as it has been for several years, the champion team of the South.

Our Glee and Mandolin Clubs are contemplating an extensive tour after the holidays. The prospects for a good base-ball team are better than they have been for several years.

We have not the time to enumerate Zeta's many achievements this session, but suffice it to say that she is progressing. A long letter could not be expected at this gay season, for Zeta's correspondent's spirit rebels when thoughts of home enter his mind, and he waits impatiently to join in the holiday festivities; such thoughts "bid him from the task retire."

So wishing every Kappa Sigma a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Fraternally,

HARRY HOWARD SHELTON.

DECEMBER 23d, 1897.

ETA.**RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.**

It is with some degree of reluctance that Eta endeavors to make her Chapter report to THE CADUCEUS, not because she is indifferent nor because she does not feel a deep interest in the Fraternity organ, but because she is so small in numbers that scarcely anything goes on worthy of being brought to the notice of Kappa Sigmas.

In the latest CADUCEUS it was mentioned why Eta is so small; in this, your scribe wishes to say that she will not be so long. We may not be able to initiate any more men this session, for all Fraternity men know that the season for "rushing" has some time since passed, but we are beginning to scheme a little, and believe that next session we shall take in many more than the one whom we already have pledged. We all have at heart the interests of the Fraternity, and shall not be dilatory in our efforts to make Eta much more than a weakling. .

It is with a good deal of pleasure that we look back on the past record of Eta and see what Randolph-Macon has done for Kappa Sigma. It is a satisfaction to know that the W. G. S. of our beloved brotherhood was an Eta man; especially gratifying is it when we believe that no better man for his office could be found in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Prof. D. B. Easter of this college, chair of Greek and German, is well known to the Fraternity through his former Chapter correspondence, and by the lively interest that he has always shown in Kappa Sigma. The Eta boys find him a wise counsellor fraternally, and a warm friend socially.

Prof. J. F. Blackwell is a very efficient teacher in the Randolph-Macon Institute at Danville, Va., having been elected to Assistant Principalship of that school last June.

We could mention many other men of prominence who have gone from Eta, but we shall not ask our obliging editor

to grant the lengthy space that such an enumeration would require.

With best wishes for all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Fraternally yours,

J. D. HUGHELT.

DECEMBER 21st, 1897.

IOTA.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, GEORGETOWN, TEX.

That season of the year which is freighted with so much joy and gladness to all, and more especially to those who are enjoying the buoyancy of youth, has at last rolled round to pay its annual visit, and to make glad the hearts of mankind.

While the "old year" is drawing to a close and we are retrospecting the conflicts and conquests of the past, and as members of a Fraternity that is dear to all our hearts we are exulting over our growth and prosperity, let us not forget that with the dawn of the "new year" there come renewed and increased responsibilities upon each Chapter and individual member to make this, the year 1898, the best year of Kappa Sigma's history.

Honors attained in college when secured honorably and as a reward of merit, should be appreciated by any Chapter.

Two of Iota's men, Bros. E. B. Mayfield and G. W. Davis, have lately been complimented by San Jacinto Literary Society, by being elected to represent her on the occasion of her public debate, to be given the second week in March. We are sure that Mayfield and Davis will do credit, both to their society and Fraternity upon that occasion.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit last month from Bro. Roy Slaughter, who is conveyancer of Brown Bros. Land Mortgage Company, Austin, Texas.

We have several of the old boys with us to spend the Christmas holidays. We are especially pleased to extend a

hand of fraternal welcome to Bro. Charles Leavell, one of Tau's initiates of this year.

We are glad to note the timely agitation of the next place of holding the Conclave. The members of Iota would be glad to have this Conclave held in the South. Why not come to Texas? No other State in the Union has so large a *capacity* for entertaining such a gathering.

Iota acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of an invitation to attend a banquet given by Alpha-Tau.

Wishing every Chapter of Kappa Sigma a prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

DECEMBER 24th, 1897.

C. W. DENNIS.

KAPPA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Kappa's correspondent should, in justice to the Kappa Sigmas who read the Chapter letters in *THE CADUCEUS*, get some one else of his Chapter to write this particular letter as he feels hardly in the right Fraternity spirit just now. Fraternity spirit as he takes it meaning the opposite to gloominess.

Of course, most of our men are at home for the holidays and are enjoying themselves to the fullest extent, while most of those who have remained have not let many opportunities slip by without taking advantage of them for "having a time."

Bro. Putnam is spending the winter in Florida, having been compelled to leave school for awhile on account of his eyes.

Bro. Foster is now very sick with typhoid fever, and in this illness he has Kappa's most heartfelt sympathy and good wishes.

Yours fraternally,

DECEMBER 30th, 1897.

J. H. FULLILOVE, JR.

NU.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

Waiving the right vested in us by virtue of being Chapter correspondent we shall forego the pleasure of dilating upon the thrilling sensations and the varied emotions that animated us upon once again returning to the "classic shades" and "hallowed halls" of William and Mary. The personal sacrifice involved is a severe punishment, quite sufficient, we trust, even for a tardy scribe.

We have, however, a slight suspicion that Nu has thus far failed to give an account of her stewardship, so now for business.

Allow us, by way of beginning, to introduce to Kappa Sigma the following brothers: Hornbaker, Wheat, Lewis, Manassas, Va.; Downing, Richmond, Va.; Palmer, Lancaster, Va.

We care not to write the biographies of any of these gentlemen, but would simply add that they "came well recommended," and have evidenced their entire worthiness to wear the Star and Crescent.

From last year's Chapter Bros. Bright, Brown, Parrish, Tucker, J. L., Mercer, Coles, Jones, and White were returned, and little has been left undone for the advancement of Kappa Sigma. Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away we feel that we have reason to be pleased with the results of the fall campaign.

The assistance and encouragement received from absent brothers has been a great factor in our success. Especially grateful are we to Bro. Graham Bright Nichol, of Alpha-Eta, who, although no longer owing allegiance to Nu, yet, true to his first love, was present and helped us do the "rushing."

College affairs remain *in statu quo*, while the quiet and serenity of the Greek world has been undisturbed, save by the resuscitation of Pi Kappa Alpha. This Fraternity was

formerly the staunch friend of Kappa Sigma. We rejoice that she gives promise of renewed life and activity, and we extend our best wishes.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. WHITE.

DECEMBER 20th, 1897.

XI.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

The year 1897 has indeed been the most prosperous in the history of Xi. With more than twenty active members it bids fair to accomplish great things during the year 1898. Its Alumni hold important positions throughout the State.

Our brothers stand high among the students, and most of them are officers in the Military Department. Bro. Bell is Major; Bros. Ross and Smith, Captains; Bro. Huie, Lieutenant, and Bro. Taylor, Sergeant Major. Several more of the brothers hold minor positions. Bro. Bell is Editor-in-chief of the University magazine, *The Ozark*, and Bro. Huie is Associate Editor.

In the recent class elections Kappa Sigma received a large share of the honors.

The initiates since the beginning of the session are: Bros. Berry, Martin, Orto, Valliant, Ware, Clayton, Knott, Gray, and Taylor.

Elections were held at the last meeting of the brothers. The following was the result of the ballots: Bro. Ross, G. M.; Bro. Huie, G. P.; Bro. Abernathy, G. M. C.; Bro. Means, G. S.; Bro. Smith, G. T.; Bro. Gray, G., and Bro. Orto, Correspondent.

Our Chapter work is good, and we are always watching for good men and using all *legitimate* means to advance our interests.

Our latest pledged man is Mr. Craig, of Bentonville,

Ark. He is not a Freshman yet, but he expects to be one soon. Meanwhile we shall endeavor to comfort him and to advise him to take courage to brave the dangers which he will, of course, encounter in his fight with "Billy."

We hope to have all the brothers present at our next meeting. May they return much benefited by the short rest from study, and with renewed energy and determination to win honors for themselves and Kappa Sigma.

Yours fraternally,

JANUARY 1st, 1898.

C. H. ORTO.

PI.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PA.

Swarthmore College at the present time presents a sorrowful and deserted appearance. All the students have disappeared to their respective homes, where no doubt they are enjoying and celebrating the anniversary of the Yule log and the mistletoe in a manner highly creditable to themselves and their college; but be that as it may the fact remains they have all gone, and the correspondent is the sole survivor, "the lord of all he surveys."

Little or nothing of any interest to our brothers at large has occurred in Pi Chapter since the November letter. The reaction which always follows the foot-ball season is upon us, and the athletes themselves are recuperating and incidentally working considerably harder than usual to get up in their studies. The rest of the fellows have been enjoying what pleasure they can obtain in college life, and the result is a total lack of any interesting news to communicate to the brothers.

The athletic prospect for the coming spring is fairly bright. The lacrosse team, which had such a successful season last year, has, with two exceptions, returned to college complete, and much will be expected of them. Bro. Thomas

is captain of the team, as I mentioned in the November letter. The track team is not so fortunate, last year two of the best athletes graduated and their places will be hard to fill, although there appears to be some very promising material in the Freshman Class which may be developed. Kappa Sigma has always been well represented on the track team, and we hope this year will be no exception. Last year Pi won five out of a possible fourteen firsts, and as all the brothers who won points have returned we hope to be as successful again.

Pi intends to hold its annual banquet some time in February and anticipates quite a gathering of Alumni in view of the fact that this is the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Chapter.

Hoping the birth of a New Year will mark the beginning of a most successful year for the Chapters and the brothers individually, and that the brothers will return to college full of enthusiasm and ever ready to advance the cause of Kappa Sigma, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN DOUGLAS HUBBARD.

DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

UPSILON.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE. HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

At this time the members of Upsilon are scattered over the country at their respective homes to enjoy the festivities of the Christmas holidays, and as a consequence Chapter work is at a temporary standstill. At the same time, in these days of merry-making, the members of Upsilon may with just pride look upon the half year's work just finished, for to the members individually and to the Chapter as a whole those months have been productive of many permanent benefits and honors. For the remainder of the college year Upsilon will

maintain all the energy of the earlier days, and when the Commencement season rolls around confidently expects to report a full year of prosperity for Kappa Sigma at Hampden-Sidney.

Wishing all the Chapters a Happy New Year, I am,
Fraternally,
DECEMBER 27th, 1897. HOWSON W. COLE, JR.

PHI.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE,
TENN.

Another month has rolled by, and it is now time for the writer to begin his letter to THE CADUCEUS.

November 15th was Kappa Sigma Day at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, and a day ever to be remembered by every one present. Phi was represented by four active members: Bros. Byers, Bailey, Bond, and Rea, and by four Alumni: Bros. Hollins, Magruder, Deaderick, and Beach.

Bro. E. T. Hollins royally entertained the active members at a luncheon while there. Kappa Chapter is composed of the finest boys we ever met, who did everything possible to make all Kappa Sigmas enjoy themselves.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS we have initiated within * * * * * Bro. William Bristol Gray, 1901, Elizabethtown, Ky., who is making an enviable reputation as an orator as well as student, and is also a member of the Glee Club. We hope by the end of the session to have a fair-sized Chapter.

Bro. E. H. Magruder, who has been a visitor here for some time, has returned home, much to the regret of all the boys as well as the "fair" ones.

With best wishes to all true Kappa Sigmas.

I am yours fraternally,

DECEMBER 4th, 1897.

GEORGE R. REA.

CHI.**PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, IND.**

Since the writing of the first Chapter letter, the writer has had the good fortune to visit the Chapters of Kappa Sigma at Michigan University and University of Illinois. At Michigan I received a royal welcome, and found there as fine a crowd of Kappa Sigmas as wear the Star and Crescent. The Chapter, although comparatively young, has made rapid advancement, and holds its own with the best of them. I have nothing but good to say of our Chapter at University of Illinois. There I met with the same cordiality and hospitality, and it was impressed firmly upon my mind that to be a Kappa Sigma is certainly a privilege to be prized.

Thanksgiving we closed our foot-ball season by defeating University of Minnesota by a score of 6 to 0. Many of our old men were back to rejoice with us over our victory. The Alumni game also brought back many old men.

On November 3d our esteemed brother, J. Lynn Van Natta, of Lafayette, was married to Miss Rose Bee Wallace. It was distinctly a Kappa Sigma wedding. Chi attended in a body. The groom's best man, as well as his ushers, wear the Star and Crescent. A prettier wedding Lafayette has never witnessed. I am sure all members of Kappa Sigma will join me in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Van Natta all the happiness the world can give them.

The spiking season is practically over here. Chi has spiked four men. Messrs. Spades, Bronson, Rupe, and Prentice. We are still after several good men, and hope to land them Christmas time.

With best wishes to all members of Kappa Sigma, I am,
Fraternally,

C. G. FERRIS.

DECEMBER 7th, 1897.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, MAINE.

Since our last letter not much of interest has transpired.

Our foot-ball season closed the 23d of October with fairly satisfactory results. Owing to mismanagement we had four games cancelled. It is hoped that a Maine College Foot-ball League will be formed next year, and then some one of the four colleges will have a right to claim the championship. University of Maine has plenty of material for a good team next year, and will doubtless make a good showing.

Bro. Chandler, one of our new men, has been very sick since the middle of November, but has commenced to improve slowly now.

G. L. Freeman, 1901, of West Gray, Maine, and J. S. Dunn, of Cumberland, were lately initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Sigma, and have commenced to see what the Fraternity means to its members.

During our Thanksgiving recess we took a trip out to a lake about six miles from the college, where we enjoyed fine skating one day and rowing the next, owing to a warm rain and wind which cleared the lake of ice during the night.

The annual Sophomore prize declamations were delivered December 3d. Psi was represented by C. Omer Porter. The exercises were very interesting. The prize has not been awarded.

At a recent meeting we voted to spend a part of the time of each meeting in carrying out a literary program, to consist of a review of the history of Kappa Sigma, the history of Psi, etc. We find this line of work very interesting.

Wishing all Kappa Sigmas a pleasant time during the holidays, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

C. OMER PORTER.

DECEMBER 4th, 1897.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE, TENN.

The year 1897 has been most encouraging, for, while Omega Chapter has to boast of no exceptionally great advancement in some lines, yet her members, few in number at the beginning of the year, and in the face of an outlook that was decidedly forbidding, have manifested a spirit and a devotion that gives earnest of much more to come.

The spring term of 1897 found Omega with only three men returned, Bros. W. M. Green, Jas. Wilson, and J. B. Allen. R. L. Thompson, of Louisiana, Law, was the first initiate of the year. Barrett, of Virginia, Law, soon followed, and then the Chapter suffered the loss of Bro. Allen by his withdrawal from college. The other initiates were Chandler, of Virginia, Med., Smith, of Tennessee, Med., Turner, of Georgia, Med., Edwards, of Texas, Academ., and Lonberg, of Kentucky, Academ.

During the year the Chapter was further increased by the presence of Eggleston, of South Carolina, one of Omega's old men, returned to study medicine, and of Daspit, of Sigma, who came to Sewanee for his health, and left in October for University of Virginia.

In addition to this steady growth Omega has at last finished paying for the billiard-room, added some time ago to the Chapter-house. This debt had been a heavy burden on the Chapter, and its absence will be felt most pleasantly.

Bro. Chandler took his medical degree this year, and will not return to Sewanee, but will probably begin his practice. Bro. Thompson also leaves, having finished his law course. He will return next August to take his degree at the law commencement. Both these men were loyal Kappa Sigmas that Omega will lose with much regret.

Bro. W. M. Green has gone to spend his winter as assistant to Bishop Thompson, of Mississippi. Bro. Green was

Captain of base-ball team of 1897 and Managing Editor of the *Purple*. Bros. Eggleston and Turner are continuing their medical studies at the University of Nashville.

The others of Omega's men are spending their long winter vacation at home, and expect to return to Sewanee with new spirit.

We, of Omega, feel much encouraged, and will enter college in March, 1898, with a determination to put Kappa Sigma again into the place where she belongs, for we feel that with little we have still done much, and that when the next year opens with our Chapter much stronger than it has been for some time, our growth must continue.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. CLIFTON EDWARDS.

DECEMBER 27th, 1897.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Alpha-Gamma is in a very prosperous condition this year. Since my last letter we have initiated Bros. Geo. A. Davis, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., George C. Fairclo, of Urbana, Ill., Geo. H. Wilmarth, of Aurora, Ill., Eugene W. P. Flesch, of Chicago, Ill., Robert I. Thornton, of Magnolia, Ill., and Harvey D. McCollum, of Louisville, Ill. I take great pleasure in introducing six such brothers to the Fraternity at large.

Although we did not win the Western Inter-collegiate football championship this season, we have reason to be proud of our team, as it is one of the strongest we have ever had. In the final game of the season with the Carlisle Indians in Chicago Bros. Fischer, McCormick, Wilmarth, and Shuler took a very prominent part.

On Wednesday evening, December 8th, Bro. George A.

Huff, Jr., was married to Miss Katherine Naughton, of Champaign, Ill. Alpha-Gamma gave Bro. Huff a stag banquet on the night of December 6th.

At our last election Bro. H. M. Shuler was elected G. M.; Bro. H. E. Freeman, G. M. C.; Bro. J. M. Alarco, G. P.; Bro. E. W. P. Flesch, G. S.; Bro. A. Stern, G. T.; Bro. R. I. Thornton, Chaplain, and Bros. H. D. McCollum and G. H. Wilmarth, Guards.

With a hearty grip to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,
Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM DILL.

DECEMBER 21st, 1897.

ALPHA-DELTA.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Alpha-Delta's correspondent owes an humble apology to the Editor of THE CADUCEUS as well as the Fraternity in general for failing to send in a letter for the last issue. The blame was ours alone, and we can present no excuse, yet we would ask clemency in consideration of the fact that it was our first offense.

We would not have our sisters think that our Chapter has become less active or prosperous, for the case is just the contrary, and we are better situated now than we ever have been. The incoming Freshmen class contained more first-class Fraternity material than has been produced by any class for several years, and Alpha-Delta is happy to say she has received her share of the "good things."

Our initiates up to this time are five in number. They are: John Elvin Clapper, '98, in whom you will feel an added interest when you know he is a cousin of Bro. Hagey, and a native of the same town, Martinsburg, Pa.; the other new brothers are all members of the Class of 1901: Reese Olver Snowden, Pittsburg, Pa.; Andrew G. Herr, Parnassus, Pa.,

-brother of "Sam," who formed one of our circle in '92; Gordon H. Foster, State College, Pa.; and Thomas D. Thomas, Landsford, Pa. I am happy to say we are able to feel without any prejudice whatever that we may sincerely congratulate ourselves on securing these men as brothers, both collectively and individually.

Our foot-ball team, on which Bros. Fred. Heckel and Clapper played during the whole season, and on which Bros. Boyd and Shoffstahl were substitutes, has just completed the season, which, though not ripe with victories, shows good work against the large teams played. These brothers on their trips visited our Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania and at Cornell. They were royally entertained by these brothers, and take this medium to express their appreciation, both of the kind treatment received, and of the high standing of these Chapters.

The annual Thanksgiving dance was held Friday evening of vacation, and was, as usual, a successful and pleasant occasion. Our boys again had the pleasure of entertaining a party of our Clearfield friends, consisting of Misses Weaver, Irwin, Murray, Belle Murray, McQuown, and Mame McQuown, under the chaperonage of our friend, Mrs. M. L. McQuown.

A theatrical club, to which members of the two upper classes are eligible, has been lately organized, under the name of "Thespians."

Bro. J. G. Heckel, 1900, did not return to college this fall, but instead went to Baltimore Dental College.

Bro. Gittens also did not return to school this fall, but his letters from his home in Allegheny show him still full of Kappa Sigma spirit.

Bro. Haehnlen, '99, who usually corresponds for Alpha-Delta, was elected last spring as Business Manager of '99's *La Vie*, but has resigned that position to accept the management of the base-ball team for the season of '98.

The last copy of the *Star and Crescent* arrived some time ago, and was read with much interest.

Wishing you all a pleasant vacation during the Christmas holidays, I am,

Fraternally,

W. W. TUSTIN.

DECEMBER 2d, 1897.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Alpha-Epsilon extends a greeting to every wearer of the *Star and Crescent*. Though rather late to wish you all a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," it is not too late to express a conviction that during the year of 1898 Kappa Sigma's increase in power and numbers will be as marked as it has been in years that are gone.

The Christmas vacation is a thing of the past, and our brothers have returned to the trials and pleasures of a college career.

Since our last writing three lucky fellows have been helped over the rough places in that mysterious path which every Kappa Sigma has traversed. We are confident that never has goat been ridden by three better men than our newly-acquired brothers, F. L. Wallace, J. A. Colghan, and R. C. Birney. There is no need to dwell upon their good qualities, that they are worthy is sufficiently vouched for by the fact that they were "taken in;" be assured, however, that they are in every way well qualified and will bring honor to the Fraternity.

Our election of officers was held just before the holidays, and the positions were filled by the following men: Bro. Boyle, G. M.; Bro. Weeks, G. M. C.; Bro. Struble, G. T.; Bro. Reigle, G. P.; Bro. Price, G. S.; Bros. Lee and De Valin,

Guards; Bro. Townsend, House Manager, and Bro. Hume, Correspondent.

With best wishes and a hearty grip for every brother, I remain,
Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR P. HUME.

JANUARY 7th, 1898.

ALPHA-THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENN.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of celebrating "Kappa Sigma Day" in mass. We were next to Theta in representatives, sending fourteen or fifteen men. This was a most enjoyable and successful demonstration of our faith as a band of brothers. We should feel proud of Kappa's men, who entertained us so hospitably. Before I leave this subject, which I deem advisable, for fear of encroaching upon the rights of others, I wish to call attention to an Alumnus of ours, who was orator of the "day." Bro. Hunter Wilson in his discourse on woman acquitted himself admirably, and we predict for him a bright future.

As long as good material can be had Alpha-Theta is ever on the alert, and since our last communication we have ushered into the mystic bonds William Adkin Klutts, Ripley, Tenn., and Julian Smith, Booneville, Miss. We find these young men deserving wearers of our badge, and feel proud of them as supporters and upbuilders of the good cause of Kappa Sigma.

We are still enjoying the ties that bind us closer together; our meetings are well attended, enthusiastic, and encouragements of many kinds are flattering. We frequently enjoy the visits from our Alumni members, and are much benefited by their kind words.

Had not Thanksgiving Day been so disagreeable Alpha-Theta with her staunch young lady supporters would have

enjoyed a delightful tally-ho ride. We had made all preparations for this ride, having our colors in readiness to adorn the two tally-hos, but the rain completely ruined our plans. We hope, however, to have them materialize as soon as the weather permits.

In the semi-annual entertainment of the Apollonian Literary Society just held, we were represented by Young and Magill.

We join with Bro. Colville in his chorus just here:

“ Hurrah ! Hurrah !
For our Fraternity !
Hurrah for the Kappa Sigs
Of dear old Tennessee ! ”

And wish you all a pleasant time during the fast approaching holidays.

Fraternally yours,

DECEMBER 14th, 1892.

GORDON L. BURKE.

ALPHA-IOTA.

U. S. GRANT UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, TENN.

When these lines are read by the brothers throughout the Kappa Sigma world many of them will have spent the holidays at their old homes and returned to that other home, which to the student is almost as dear as the one left behind, the Chapter hall. Many of our own Chapter brothers will remain with us at Alpha-Iota, and all are anticipating a truly merry Christmas.

Bros. Chauncy Hacker and Robert Baber left on the morning of the 18th to spend the holidays at home. Bro. Baber rode through on his wheel, a distance of over 200 miles.

Bro. Frank F. Hooper, who graduated last year, and is now teaching at Well's Springs Seminary spent Thanksgiving with his parents, his Fraternity, and his—*loved ones*.

Bro. W. L. Oliver, '99, spent a week at his home in

Knoxville, meeting home folks and acquaintances. He will remain with us during the holidays.

Bro. John C. Lusk has entered school again, and has been elected Business Manager of the University magazine, which is a position of trust and influence in the University.

Bro. Keener and your correspondent are the two editors elected from the literary societies, which is considered a mark of distinction, as they are chosen by nearly 200 students.

Bro. Oliver is President of the Junior Class, and Bro. Hacker, having retired from the President's chair of the Philomathean Society, Bro. H. R. Caldwell takes his place.

In the Athenian Society Bro. Sizer retired and the non-Fraternity men arose in their strength and elected their man. The only opposition the Fraternity meets with is in the Athenian Society, and while that is very bitter it is also very ineffective. The reason the non-Fraternity man was elected to the chair of the Athenian Society was that the Fraternity had no preference in the matter of election, as they had no man eligible and had already held the place.

We have our rooms on the main square this year, and they are furnished very neatly indeed. Our location and apartments have improved with every year of our history, and next year we hope to have the set of rooms in the New Parker College Building, which we have had our eye on for some time.

Alpha-Iota is certainly pleased to know that such a fine looking Chapter as Lambda is situated so near her. We think that the group in the November CADUCEUS is certainly a fine one, and we feel proud to own Lambda as our nearest neighbor. We hope to have Alpha-Iota represented in THE CADUCEUS at some future date.

With love to all the brothers, and wishing them a merry Xmas and a happy and profitable New Year, I am still,

Fraternally yours,

DECEMBER 18th, 1897.

HOWARD R. BURKE.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VT.**

THE CADUCEUS, though somewhat tardy, was if possible, more welcome than ever. We are glad, indeed, to see how full of life and energy are Kappa Sigma's Chapters, and especially grateful are we for the news of "old Zeta's" renewed activity.

Alpha-Lambda, too, has been awake, and her roll has been lengthened by the addition of these men: A. H. Grant, Geo. E. Nelson, D. G. Seager, E. H. Buttles, H. R. Smalley, A. W. Kingsland, and H. H. Reynolds, all from the Class of 1901. They are all fine fellows and will bring honor to Kappa Sigma.

The initiation came off the evening of November 5th. Our "goat" behaved well, and energetically demonstrated to the candidates how essential to the happy ending of their journey were the willing hands of the brothers who conducted them safely within * * * * *.

The following evening we gathered at our halls and marched to the Van Ness House, where we enjoyed a splendid banquet, numerous toasts, and a perceptible tightening of the bonds of Kappa Sigma.

Great interest has been aroused here this fall in 'Varsity foot-ball. We have never before had a college team, and the fact that we did not lose a game of those played this year encourages us to think that next year we may, with success, meet some of the larger colleges. Our first team was under the management of Bro. Robbins, one of Alpha-Lambda's strongest men.

The '99 *Ariel*, with Bro. Austin as Business Manager, and Bro. Dunlop as Artist, promises to equal any of its predecessors. The board are pushing matters, and say that the publication will be out sharp on time.

Friday evening, November 12th, nearly all of Burling-

ton's "400" and many others gathered at the Armory to witness the first public cake-walk ever given by the students. Eleven of Alpha-Lambda's men, hungry for cake, paraded in various costumes with a hundred or more equally ambitious fellow-students, and the award of the three tempting prizes by a committee representing the Faculty and Alumni fully satisfied the appetites of nearly all of them. The affair was in every way a grand success, and the managing committee, of which Bro. Austin was a member, received much well-earned praise.

Bro. Kingsland took the prize of \$25 in the Latin entrance examination, and secured honorable mention in Greek.

Bros. Morse and Cowles are teaching in the evening schools of the city.

Among the Alumni who have visited us since college opened are Bros. Small, Hopkins, Giddings, Smith, Coburn, Felton, and Seager.

Wishing all Kappa Sigmas a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. TRACY.

DECEMBER 22d, 1897.

ALPHA-PI.

WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

The fall term of college will close in a few days, and with the opening of the new year, Alpha-Pi hopes to begin more active work in the Fraternity. We have been handicapped greatly by the loss of some of our most enthusiastic workers, but the new men will soon step into their places. In January we hope to initiate three or four of our pledged men of 1901. Bro. Green, who has been out of college for over a year, will return to us, and the numerical strength will be almost doubled.

Since our last letter Bro. Reed paid us a visit on his return from a European trip. He is now studying law in Omaha, Neb. Bro. Randolph, we are sorry to report, has been sick in Champaign, Ill., for four weeks, but is now greatly improved and will resume teaching next term. Bro. Strauss, of the *Terre Haute Express*, recently spent a day in town. We were pleased to have with us during the Thanksgiving recess Bros. Loran and Graff, of Lake Forest.

During the past few months there has been considerable agitation of the question of opening the doors of Wabash to women. Last week the Board of Trustees met and decided to maintain the college as at present, for young men only, but will make an attempt to establish a co-ordinated women's college after the Harvard-Radcliffe or Columbia-Barnard plan.

At the last meeting of the Chapter the following officers were elected: G. M., H. H. McClure; G. M. C., O. B. Smith; G. P., G. G. Abig; G. S., F. H. Stevenson; G. T., R. E. Dunlop; Chaplain, A. J. Carter; Guard, R. E. Frank.

With best wishes to all in the bonds, I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. H. McCLURE.

DECEMBER 19th, 1897.

ALPHA-RHO.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

It is with pleasure that I take up my new duties as Alpha-Rho's correspondent of THE CADUCEUS.

All but four of our members have returned after the holidays. All report a pleasant vacation. Bros. Albee, Clement, and Clark are out teaching; Bro. Giles is expected back in a few weeks.

Bro. Bragdon recently won first place in the contest for the position of library assistant.

Bros. Hewitt and Dole of '97 have lost none of their good fellowship on account of their exalted position as members of the Faculty. We find it impossible to "mister" them.

The interest taken in the Chapter by our '97 delegation was the subject of pleasing remark at our last Chapter meeting. Alpha-Rho heartily returns the compliment.

Our annual election of officers took place January 7th. As usual, the choice of officers was highly satisfactory to all. We are expecting a golden year of prosperity for Alpha-Rho.

Bowdoin is hard at "plugging," an occupation which does not furnish so much copy for the newspaper as football, but better in the end, notwithstanding.

With a Happy New Year to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,
Yours fraternally,

ELBERT B. HOLMES.

JANUARY 8th, 1898.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Alpha-Sigma Chapter sends New Year's greetings to all her sister Chapters and sincerely wishes this to be the best and most successful year that it has been the privilege of our brothers in Kappa Sigma to enjoy.

Alpha-Sigma returns all her men this term, excepting Bro. D. L. Robb, who last fall received a fracture of a rib, and is now confined in a hospital where an operation was performed. He writes us it will be impossible to return this year, a fact we regret very much, as Bro. Robb was expecting to do himself credit and Kappa Sigma honor in the coming Field Day. We hope to see him with us next year, and that his student life may go on unbroken until its close.

Since our last letter we have had the good fortune to receive into the bonds of Kappa Sigma W. L. Hunt, of St. Paris, Ohio; F. P. Long, Kingston, Ohio, and L. W. Poole,

De Graffe, Ohio. They are Freshmen, and we promise that you will hear from them or of them many times before their college days are over. To successfully land them safe after a perilous and dangerous initiatory voyage we had taken the precaution of having with us Bro. Duvel, one of our Seniors last year, and Bro. Karshner, of Alpha-Zeta, a practicing attorney in this city.

Several of our boys remained at the Chapter-house during the holidays, and to make life pleasant for them Bro. Bob. Tucker, one of William and Mary's boys, came over, a guest of Bro. Oglesby. The only thing we regret was that all of us could not have met him. We hope Bro. Tucker will see us again.

Again wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,
Fraternally,

C. F. SPRAGUE.

JANUARY 7th, 1898.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

Millsaps College opened on November 17th after a delay of over two months occasioned by the existence of yellow fever in several of the towns of our State. In spite of very adverse circumstances, a large number of students were present on the opening day, and a good many have come in since.

Within a few days after the opening of college twelve of last year's Chapter were in attendance, and Bro. Gardner, who was here in '95, '96, brought the number up to thirteen. The number of members was not, however, allowed to stand long at that unlucky point, for on November 20th we initiated Bros. N. Vick Robbins, Hugh B. Caffey, and Levin F. Magruder, all of the Class of 1901, whom we take great pleasure in presenting to the Fraternity at large as true Kappa

Sigmas and well worthy to wear the Crescent and Star. Since that time, on December 7th, we have conducted Bro. James B. Alford through the * * * * *. Bro. Alford is a member of the Class of '98, and we take pleasure in introducing him to the Kappa Sigma world.

Of the college honors dispensed thus far, Alpha-Upsilon has come in for a large share. Bro. Locke is the President of the Galloway Literary Society, and is also its Anniversarian. At a recent election in the Lamar Society Bro. Andrews was elected Anniversarian, and Bro. Carley was chosen to serve as one of the representatives of the society in the debate between the societies next Commencement. Bro. Lewis is still Director of the college gymnasium.

The numerical strength of the Fraternities at Millsaps this year is Kappa Alpha, 19; Kappa Sigma, 17.

Everything so far seems to point to an unusually successful year for Alpha-Upsilon. We have initiated only the best men; we have a large share of college honors, and all of our men are enthusiastic and earnest lovers of and workers for the Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

DECEMBER 8th, 1897.

ROBERT B. RICKETTS.

ALPHA-PHI.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS two more men have become wearers of the Star and Crescent: Bros. William I. King, 1901, of Uniontown, Pa., and Charles Arthur Lindemann, '98, of Philadelphia, Pa. We are not exaggerating the matter when we say that they are the best students in their respective classes. Bro. King, upon his graduation from the Academy at Mount Pleasant, was awarded a \$300 prize for standing at the head of his class. Bro. Lindemann upon his graduation from Bucknell Academy received the William E. Martin Oratorical Prize and captured during his Fresh-

man year the Latin-Mathematics, the Essay, and the Declamation Prizes.

A new ladies' Fraternity called Theta Delta Psi has made its appearance in the college department of Bucknell. It is local, and will no doubt apply for a charter to some national Fraternity. As there is but one national ladies' Fraternity, Pi Beta Phi, in the institution at present, and it is a good field, success will doubtless crown their efforts.

The foot-ball season of '97 has come to a close, and while it was not the most successful season in Bucknell's history, yet was one of which she might well feel proud. We had three representatives on the team: Bros. Catterall, full-back; Jenkinson, right end, and Jennings, centre. Bro. Jennings has been pursuing a post-graduate course, and was head coach. At the close of the season Bro. George Edward Jenkinson, '99, was elected Captain for the coming season. Bro. Jenkinson has played right end for two years on the 'Varsity, and never has that position been more creditably filled.

The basket ball season has opened, and there is every prospect of Bucknell having again a winning team. We are here ably represented by Bros. Catterall and Morris. We enjoyed visits during this term from Bros. Davis, Collins, Bell, and Douglass.

Our Glee Club made a very successful trip during the Christmas vacation through the southeastern part of the State. Bro. Schilling was the manager. He has also been made leader of the Mandolin and Guitar Club, which will accompany the Glee Club on their Easter trip.

The *Mirror*, Bucknell's literary journal, was recently revived as a monthly publication, with Bro. Lindemann as Editor-in-chief, and your scribe as assistant.

We were pleased to see Bro. Seen, who stopped off to see us on his way to Philadelphia, where he is attending the Medico-Chirurgical College.

The Junior ball comes off on the 21st; Bro. Griffith represents us on the committee.

Bro. Jennings, '97, who was in college last term, completing his post-graduate course, is now studying law in town.

This leaves but nine men in our Chapter.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Faternally,

OLIVER J. DECKER.

DECEMBER 16th, 1897.

ALPHA-PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB.

Alpha-Psi has had a most eventful career during the months succeeding the opening of school. Furnishing our new home and becoming comfortably settled therein occupied much of the time not devoted to study. We are located as well as any Fraternity in the University, and this fact is recognized by every one. A smoothly polished hardwood floor is an attraction to any Chapter-house, and a happily arranged dance or two has proven its attraction for the young ladies, our Greek sisters.

Of course it must be understood that a new Fraternity, in a school where the rivalry between others is intense, cannot dash with conquering stride into the prominence which characterizes those Chapters which have been established fifteen years. Alpha-Psi is composed of men old enough to understand and to grasp the situation. Individual excellence in class work, steadiness, sobriety, and morality are the qualities which eventually win the respect of the Faculty and the admiration of the student. It has been our aim to attain these qualities in the Chapter, and thus to build up a reputation that will stand. Nor in doing this do we forget that our duty in this respect is as much to Kappa Sigma as to Alpha-Psi. We feel that there are very few colleges in the country where Fraternities are watched as critically as they are in the University of Nebraska, and we deport ourselves accordingly.

Our opening reception was a success and was attended by 200 Fraternity people. Since our *debut* we have been royally received in the social life of the University. We could ask no more hearty recognition.

We would introduce to Kappa Sigma Mr. Ural Verne Hedge, a well-known member of the Class of '98, now a true and loyal brother.

We regret to announce the expulsion of Harry B. Groves. His case, to those of us who had hoped to make no mistakes, was discouraging. Heroic treatment became necessary, and our brothers may assure themselves that the action was in no wise hasty or prejudiced.

With this letter the undersigned ends his duties as Chapter correspondent. He might say much concerning the deep regret which he feels in consigning the Chapter pen to another. He has found that in this humble office there is much of consolation. After hours of weary toil and labor for the Chapter it is sweet to be allowed to brush aside the film of sordid detail and to gaze for a moment at the generalities, the results of that toil and labor, to express to sympathetic brothers his hopes and his plans for the Chapter's future, to feel that some of those who read may remember the time when they themselves laid the foundation on which younger men to come would erect the perfect Chapter.

With thoughts of dear old Kappa Sigma in his heart he will for the last time subscribe his name,

LEONARD H. ROBBINS.

DECEMBER 23d, 1897.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS all has come up aright, and we are in the midst of a year of flourishing work. Nothing so far has impeded our progress, and the indications

are that Alpha-Omega's first year of work will show a record of which we can justly be proud.

We have initiated no new men since our last writing, but are concentrating all our energies in building up our Chapter internally.

The foot-ball season has closed with us, and the team has made an enviable record throughout the State for clean, thorough, hard playing.

We were represented on the annual reading contest by Bro. Scott. At the last election of officers of the Philomathic Literary Society, Bro. Ward was elected President. At our first regular meeting in December the following officers were elected: Ward, G. M.; Sydnor, G. M. C.; Yates, G. P.; Scott, G. S.; Bishop, C.; Bruce, G. T.; Simrall and Grady, Guards. Just before leaving for the holidays the brothers held a smoker in their Chapter hall, which was highly enjoyed by all.

As we leave for our Xmas vacation we go with our hearts full of enthusiasm for Kappa Sigma, and wish a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year for all the brothers within the bonds.

Fraternally,

J. W. SYDNOR.

DECEMBER 21st, 1897.

PERSONALS.

EPSILON.

Dr. O. H. Swayze was married on the 13th of October last to Miss Margaret Lear Haverkamp. The wedding took place in Yazoo City, Miss., and was quite a Kappa Sigma affair, as the brother of the bride, who gave her away, Hugh Love, the best man, and Robert Craig, one of the ushers, are all loyal Kappa Sigmas. The best wishes of THE CADUCEUS go forth to the newly-made man and wife.

ZETA.

W. Brydon Tennant, Past W. G. M. C., has been appointed Colonel upon staff of Governor Tyler, of Virginia. Bro. Tennant is engaged in the practice of law in Richmond, Va.

W. Carthon Archer (Eta), Truman A. Parker (Upsilon), and Julian M. Robinson (Upsilon), are attending the University College of Medicine at Richmond, and are members of the Beta Chapter of Pi Mu, the medical Fraternity founded at the University of Virginia.

E. C. S. Taliaferro and S. M. Stubbs, both of Nu Chapter, are attending the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, and are members of the Gamma Chapter of the Medical Fraternity, Pi Mu.

Of our good brother R. E. Boykin, now a member of the Virginia Senate, the Richmond *Dispatch* has the following:

"The Chairman of the Library Committee, Senator Boykin, is probably the best speaker in the Senate. He is also one of the best-dressed Senators, and when he rises to address the chair the listener is always prepared to hear ornate

and forcible language from the nattily-dressed, genial gentleman from Isle of Wight."

ETA.

George Lee Dillard has been appointed Judge of the County Court of Henry County by the Virginia Legislature. Bro. Dillard resides at Martinsville, Va.

Love A. Rogers (Psi) and J. M. McArthur (Omega) are attending the University of Wisconsin.

J. Randolph Neal (Kappa), J. de la Fuente (Alpha-Theta), and B. Wofford Wait (Alpha-Nu) are attending Columbia University, N. Y.

IOTA.

Bros. E. P. Bryan and B. P. Lane, of the Class of '97, are teaching at Meridian, Texas.

Bro. W. R. Bishop, of the Class of '97, is studying law at Athens, Texas.

Bro. R. P. Dorrough is partner with his father in the fire insurance business, at Tyler, Texas.

Bro. G. S. Combs, of the Class of '97, is managing a large ranch near San Marcos, Texas.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, on January 4th, of Bro. Otis Trulove to Miss Jennie Lumpkin, at Meridian, Texas. Bro. Trulove is engaged in the practice of law at Cleburne, Texas.

NU.

On the 28th of December last Harry Gray Burks was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Watts, of Bedford City, Va. Bro. Burks was a popular member of Nu Chapter, and his bride is a most charming Virginia girl, lovely in person and character, and attractive in society. THE CADUCEUS extends its sincere congratulations to the happy couple.

PHI.

Bro. R. A. Cox, '97, is in the hardware and lumber business with his father at Hico, Texas.

Bro. J. W. Rea, '97, is managing a large plantation at Green Grove, Miss.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

'93 and '96 Med. Tenney H. Wheatley is practicing medicine in Brooklyn, N. Y.

'94. F. N. Guild, B. S., is Professor of Chemistry at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

'94. Dr. B. D. Longe is pleasantly located at Newport, Vt.

'95. Dr. Clayton Andrews is Assistant Physician at the Vermont Asylum for the Insane, at Waterbury.

We quote with pleasure from the *Burlington Daily News* under date of December 1st in regard to Bro. Barrett, '96:

“NATURALIST OTIS BARRETT.

“Otis W. Barrett, U. V. M. '96, was visiting college friends in the city yesterday. Mr. Barrett is a student of natural history and has just returned from a trip to Mexico, where he has been engaged with Mr. Pringle, of Charlotte, in looking up insects. Mr. Barrett had an enormous collection of beetles with him, occupying several trunks. He is an enthusiastic young naturalist, and has found several new specimens of butterflies in Mexico. He is a native of Clarendon. Mr. Barrett will probably return to Mexico next year.”

Bro. Seager, '97, is teaching in Brandon.

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'97. C. A. Coburn, Ph. B., is General Secretary of the St. Johnsbury Y. M. C. A.

'97. G. E. P. Smith, B. S., is an instructor in civil engineering at his *Alma Mater*. Bro. Smith was our delegate to the Conclave at Indianapolis, Ind.

Ex-'97. Otis Barrett has recently returned from Mexico. He has been engaged as interpreter for a California land syndicate. He also made a great and rare collection of insects. Some of his scientific labors were for the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C.

Bro. Barrett's headquarters were at Hotel Buena Vista, City of Mexico.

Bro. Felton, '97, has returned to town, and is about to commence the study of law.

Bro. Sargeant, ex-'98, is receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Bro. Nelson, 1901, has been compelled by sickness to leave college.

ALPHA-RHO.

Geo. E. Carmichael, '97, is teaching in the Hamilton school, Philadelphia, Pa. His address is 4119 Pine Street.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Out of the Freshman Class at Dartmouth College this year Psi Upsilon and Phi Delta Theta each took fourteen men.

Sigma Nu has been sold out by the sheriff at Lehigh, and Alpha Tau Omega is without a house. Then there are still too many Chapters at Lehigh.

Theta Delta Chi will celebrate the semi-centennial of its existence in February. The ceremonies will be held in New York, and a banquet of 350 covers will wind up the affair.

The next Grand Arch Council of Phi Kappa Psi will be held in Philadelphia, beginning on the 13th of April next. At that council a new Constitution for the Fraternity will be adopted.

There is a plan now under consideration to consolidate Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which would make one of the largest universities in the world, with a total of about 6,000 students.

Delta Kappa Epsilon is planning to issue a Fraternity calendar giving the dates of meetings, dinners, etc., of the active and Alumni Chapters, so that wherever a Delta Kappa Epsilon happens to be he may know what is going on.

Phi Kappa Sigma held its Convention on January 7th and 8th with Delta Chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. The Fraternity is small but vigorous, as with but thirteen Chapters it maintains a magazine.

At the '97 Grand Chapter of Sigma Chi, held in Nashville, Tenn., there were forty less attendants than in '95, but the vigor of the active Chapters is shown by the fact that fifty-four were represented by delegates and only two of them by proxy.

Phi Kappa Psi lost an opportunity to have another United States Senator when Governor Lloyd Lowndes withdrew from the Maryland Senatorial contest. Governor Lowndes was a member of the Washington and Jefferson Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

At the Ohio State University there are 1,100 students and eighteen Fraternities, having a total membership of 299. During the past year Beta Theta Pi had the largest Chapter, numbering twenty-eight, and Theta Nu Epsilon, the smallest, containing eight members.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

The University of Wooster Chapter, Ohio Delta, of Phi Delta Theta, has been stricken from the Fraternity's Chapter roll. The reason given for this action is that the male student body in this institution has been steadily deteriorating in quality for the past six years.—*Western College Magazine*.

The appointment of Elsa Eschelssohn to the Professorship of Civil Law at the University of Upsala recalls the fact that she is the second woman professor of university rank in Sweden. Sonya Kovalevsky was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the University of Stockholm in 1884. She died several years ago forty-one years old.—*Buffalo Advertiser*.

It is said that the non-Fraternity students at Furman University, elated at the successful attack on Fraternities at South Carolina College, have prepared to make war upon the Fraternities at that institution. The Faculty are supposed to be in sympathy with the non-Fraternity men. Truly South Carolina is developing some queer products these days.

The Alumni of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, most of whom reside in Philadelphia, are going to build a club-house and Chapter-house combined, to be situated near the University of Pennsylvania campus. The house is to cost \$40,000, and work is to begin in the spring. This will be the first house of its kind.—*Western College Magazine*.

The value of a college education is a hard thing to determine in dollars and cents, but Wesleyan University receives an annual contribution of \$20,000 from John Emory Andrus as a tithe of the increment yielded him by his four years of college training. When a young man Mr. Andrus entered Wesleyan with \$53.75, worked his way through college, and is now enabled to make his munificent annual contribution to his *Alma Mater*.

Phi Gamma Delta installed a Chapter at the University of Illinois on October 15th. There were twenty-two charter members, of whom seventeen are now active. Among them are several prominent students, including the Editor-in-chief of the '99 *Illio*. The Chapter's sponsor was Dr. David Kinley, Dean of the College of Literature, who was a Fiji at Johns Hopkins. At the installation banquet the other Chapters were represented by one member each.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

The administration building at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition will soon occupy a conspicuous position on West End Avenue, having been bought by the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, who will remove it to a lot opposite Vanderbilt campus just as soon as it is vacated. It will be occupied as a club-house by this thriving Fraternity of Vanderbilt University. Besides being a very convenient building for such a purpose, it is also a pleasing reminder of the Exposition.—*Nashville American*.

A novel scheme is being inaugurated by the Umbdenstock Publishing Co., of 144 Monroe Street, Chicago, which consists of the compilation in book form of a list of all college Fraternity men in Chicago, grouped in their proper order. The book is to be handsomely bound, and aside from the list of names, will contain historical sketches, symbolic engravings, cuts of Chapter-houses, and prominent Alumni of the various societies, as well as some literary reminiscences by leading Greek men in the city. The general plan will be the same as the one followed out recently in preparation of a similar publication for New York City, and is certain to meet with great favor among those interested in general Fraternity matters.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

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BROWN UNIVERSITY.

As the seventh college founded in the American Colonies, Brown traces her history back to 1764. At this time the Philadelphia Association, fulfilling the wishes of Baptists the land over, who found themselves debarred the full privileges of existing institutions, took measures for the establishment of a school where learning might be given and gotten with impartiality. It was little Rhode Island, already famous for freedom of thought through its founder, Roger Williams, which was chosen as the home of the new institution.

Unlike universities of our last quarter century, unattended by the blare and splendor of wealth and the brilliancy of far-searched-after genius, it was launched into the educa-

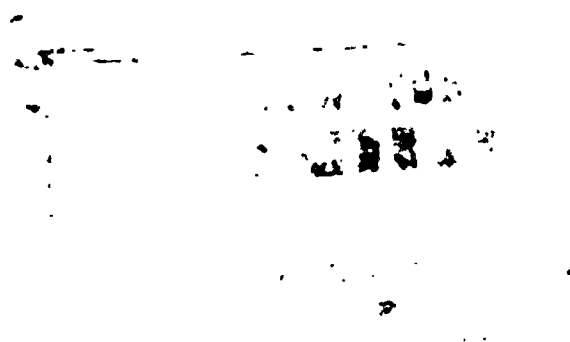
tional ocean, and humble and obscure was the beginning. In a small country school-house its dozen or so pupils came together to listen to the teaching of John Manning, at once their President and sole professor. In 1769 the first class of seven students were graduated, and this earnestness soon justified the establishment of the new college. One became a Professor of Oratory in the University of Pennsylvania. Among the rest were a Captain, a Chaplain, a Brigadier-General of the Continental Army, a Judge of the Northwest Territory, and a member of Congress.

But as yet the school possessed no buildings of its own, and the struggle for life was a serious one. Known as the College of Rhode Island, it was hid away in the little town of Warren, some ten miles from Providence. The exercises of the first Commencement, nevertheless, attracted attention throughout the State, and the public soon rallied to the occasion. Soon an estate was procured in Providence and upon it erected the first college building, still standing as University Hall. Unfortunately, this prosperous beginning was quickly checked by the Revolution, and for five years students turned soldiers, and University Hall was occupied by French and American troops as a barrack and hospital. With the year 1782 classes were once more assembled, and from then until now the development of the institution has continued uninterruptedly. At the death of John Manning, nine years later, a graduating class of twenty-two young men stood about his grave, while more than a hundred Alumni joined in praising him who was the founder of their *Alma Mater* and for more than a quarter century its controlling spirit.

The Presidents succeeding John Manning have been Jonathan Maxcy; Asa Messer, during whose administration the long-continued benefactions of Nicholas Brown caused the name of the institution to be changed to its present title *of Brown University*; Dr. Wayland, under whom the cur-



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riculum was much amplified and the elective system introduced; Barnas Sears, under whose guidance the College weathered with safety the financial crisis of 1857 and the Civil War; Ezekiel Gilway Robinson, whose genius attracted an increased number of students, and not only heightened the intellectual standard, but furnished means for development by the erection of new buildings.

Last of all is Elisha Benjamin Andrews, made President of Brown in 1889. His vigorous management has broadened and deepened the University with such thoroughness and rapidity that, during the last eight years, the curriculum has stretched from 16 to 25 departments, the Faculty increased from 22 to 80 members, and the student body from 268 to 1,000.

The endowment has been built up above the million mark, and an effort is now on foot to raise an additional sum of two millions to meet the enlarged demands of the extended departments. Important buildings attest the financial success of Dr. Andrews's administration, the last and most urgently desired being Pembroke Hall, where women are enabled to pursue courses parallel to those offered in the University proper. The Library is a handsome structure, built by funds furnished by John Cartes Brown, and contains a very rare collection of over 80,000 volumes. There are fifteen buildings in all, four of which are furnished as study and sleeping rooms.

With its present advantages Brown ranks as the third college of New England, and the breadth of its scope is only excelled by the larger institutions of Harvard and Yale. Steadily have the requirements for admission been made more stringent, yet each year brings up the hill a larger Freshman class.

The department of Philosophy has become one of the most popular, because of the energy thrown into it by our President himself, and the assisting efforts of Dr. Delabarre.

The latter is much to be read in psychological reviews for his original work in Experimental Psychology.

In the department of History we need but name Dr. Jameson, the head professor, whom ex-President Cleveland appointed to the Venezuela Commission at the time of the controversy between that country and England.

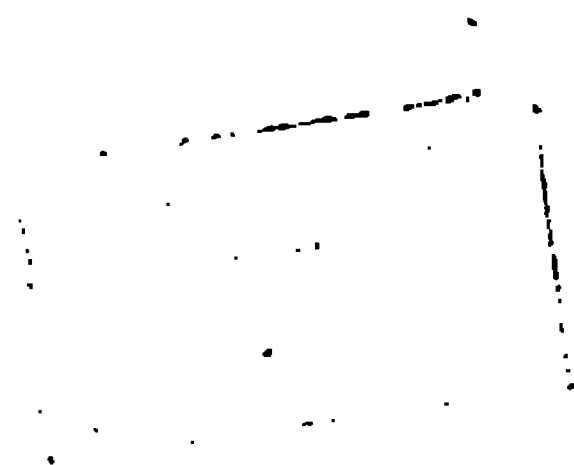
The Latin department has long ago been made famous by Albert Harkness, whose Latin grammar is known to every schoolboy. The teaching of Greek is under the direction of Dr. Manatt and Dr. Allinson, the former United States Consul to Greece during Benjamin Harrison's administration, and the latter a well-known Professor of Johns Hopkins University.

The department of Zoölogy deserves mention because of the individuality of Dr. A. S. Packard, whose labors in science have obtained for him membership in the Russian Society of Zoölogy and the Royal Society of England, besides many honors at home.

It behooves the writer to speak lastly, but most emphatically of the English courses under the leadership of Dr. Manly and Professor W. C. Bronson. The students enrolled in this department exceed those of any other, and the number of post-graduates working in connection with this branch of study is rapidly increasing from year to year.

In athletics Brown lacks little of being in the front rank. The pluck and fight of her athletes have vindicated themselves in many a tussle with the teams of neighboring colleges. Only year before last its base-ball team, after winning the championship of New England by a brilliant series of games, played the University of Chicago, champion of the West, and defeated them in two out of three hotly-fought contests.

During the hockey season of this winter Brown has defeated Yale each game of the series, and in track athletics she has every reason to be hopeful, as she possesses both the two-mile and the one-mile champions of New England, the latter





LIBRARY BUILDING, BROWN UNIVERSITY.

not only belonging to Brown, but to Kappa Sigma, Bro. David Conroy Hall.

The stranger upon entering the gates of Brown, should he come in the summer time, finds himself in a wood of elms. Their long, interlacing branches shade with a refreshing coolness the green sward of the front campus, so that one forgets the heat and roar of the city below. The ancient buildings look down on strolling groups of students, nor is their dignity moved by the sudden laugh or halloo. Behind the first row of buildings stretches the middle campus, and beyond, seen through the arching arms of the elm trees, lie the athletic grounds. Upon gaining an upper window of University Hall one looks down upon Providence, spread out in the heat toward the West, and southward extend the blue waters of beautiful Narragansett, flecked with the white canvas of numerous sailing craft.

F. S. JOHNSON (Bet-Alpha, '99).

FOUNDING OF BETA-ALPHA.

On the morning of February 21st Bro. Schilling, Alpha-Phi, and myself, under the direction of the Supreme Executive Committee, left Philadelphia for the purpose of establishing the Beta-Alpha of Kappa Sigma in Brown University at Providence, R. I. We reached our destination Monday evening, and were met at the station by Bros. (proleptically) Henry, Johnson, and Fritz. Bro. W. R. Austin, of Alpha-Lambda, also arrived Monday evening, and on Tuesday, Bros. N. R. Hotchkiss, M. D., Alpha, and J. L. Ludwig, Nu, of New Haven; F. E. Snowden, Phi, and F. L. Stone, Omega, of New York City. With the arrival of these brothers everything was in readiness for the installation in the evening. We secured commodious rooms, which could hardly have been more suitable for the occasion, at the Narragansett Hotel,

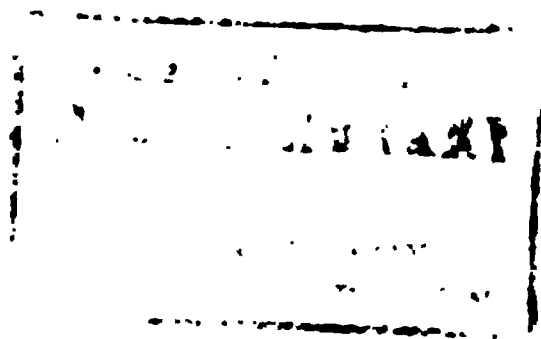
and the initiation was conducted in a manner in keeping with the magnificent surroundings.

What the Fraternity wants to know is something about Brown and the charter members of Beta-Alfa. Brown is so well known that it needs but little mention. New England is the most desirable section of our country for Fraternities, and Brown, with its clear, cold, conservative, classical atmosphere, is the most desirable College of New England. With its quality of students, numbering near a thousand, its small percentage of Fraternity men, and the favor with which Fraternities are regarded, Brown is an ideal home for Fraternities, and I believe will prove a stronghold for Kappa Sigma.

The charter members are: E. L. Hart, '98; A. H. Fitz, '99; M. E. Henry, '99; C. I. Gates, '99; F. S. Johnson, '99; L. B. Adams, 1900; J. C. Peaslee, 1900; L. M. Patton, 1900; Daniel O. Webster, 1900; E. P. Carr, 1901; J. C. Patton, 1901; D. C. Hall, 1901, and C. E. Stevens, 1901. It is simply impossible for a Fraternity man to imagine that thirteen men of such moral tone and college standing could have remained out of other Fraternities. While the non-Fraternity percentage is comparatively large, yet just such men as Kappa Sigma has at Brown are always sought after. It was improbable that any Chapter of our Fraternity ever started out under more favorable auspices and with a more desirable set of men that Beta-Alfa has. After having met the fellows, Bro. Austin, a student of sterling character and magnificent physique, said, "How in the world did you ever get such a crowd of fellows?" Bro. Snowden, who has been out of college for some time, but upon whom Kappa Sigma has indelibly stamped its characteristic of enthusiasm, said: "It looks to me as though Kappa Sigma is the first Fraternity to enter Brown, and has taken her pick." Beta-Alfa has men who were not overlooked by other Fraternities, but who refused invitations. The secret of the matter is that Beta-



CHARTER MEMBERS OF BETA-ALPHA CHAPTER, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.



Alpha is the result of a year's energetic work on the part of two or three students at Brown. A petition was sent to the S. E. C. some time ago, and the installation on February 22d tells the rest. Brown is a valuable acquisition for Kappa Sigma, and Beta-Alfa will, I believe, not only maintain itself among the other Fraternities there, but will push forward and win an influential position among sister Chapters.

We began the initiation at eight o'clock in the evening, and at twelve, thirteen loyal brothers had been welcomed into the mystic bonds of our noble Brotherhood. At this stage we were invited to the "Installation Banquet of the Beta-Alfa Chapter of Kappa Sigma." It was such a feast as would have satiated the gastronomical fancies of Epicurus himself. The only thing that marred our pleasure at this part of the program was the departure of Bros. Hotchkiss, Ludwig, Snowden, and Stone on the 1.30 train, but it was not until after these brothers had delighted us with their speeches of loyal devotion to Kappa Sigma. The banquet halls had hardly ceased resounding with the

"Rah! Rah! Rah!
Crescent and Star!
Vive la! Vive la!
Kappa Sigma!"

when old Sol began to bathe the world with light and call men once more to the labors of the day.

We retired with the profound consciousness and consequent pleasure that a "good thing" had been accomplished, and were soon wrapt in the arms of Morpheus.

On our way home Bro. Snowden met us in New York City, and took us to the home of Dr. J. S. Ferguson, who gave us a warm, welcome Kappa Sigma grip. We left New York at six o'clock, and Wednesday night found us in Philadelphia.

We should feel proud of our new Chapter, and I am sure that the hearty welcome into Kappa Sigma given by our representatives at the installation is the voice of the entire Fraternity, and that every loyal Kappa Sigma will join me in "Vive la Beta-Alpha!"

J. W. DAVIS (Alpha-Phi. '96).

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI CHAPTER BANQUET.

THE third annual banquet of the New York Alumni Chapter of Kappa Sigma was held at the Arena Hotel, New York City, on the evening of February 15th. Brothers were present from the far-off States of Maine and Texas, and the free flow of fraternal spirit around that board made the occasion one never to be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to sit within its circle. From the standpoint of a visiting brother, it was indeed a pleasure to learn that our New York Alumni Chapter, so brilliant in its conception and so united and devoted in its spirit, is doing for the Fraternity the mighty deeds of a strong arm and a willing heart.

Toast-master Bro. Snowden, of Phi Chapter, spoke with deep feeling of the personal inspiration gained from the Fraternity, and especially from the New York Alumni Chapter, and he called forth similar expressions from every man present.

Nor was the spirit of jollity absent. Bro. Fowler, Psi, after setting forth in no modest tone the excellencies of his Chapter, gave some of his old-time jokes at the expense of the Pine Tree State.

Dr. H. Eugene Stafford, Kappa, toasted "The South and Kappa Sigma," and interspersed some charming stories in the darkey dialect that were duly appreciated by the boys.

Dr. L. W. Riggs, Psi, drew some interesting comparisons between the "Old and New Kappa Sigma."

Dr. J. S. Ferguson, Psi, gave a brief history of the New York Alumni Chapter; told all it hopes to accomplish, and then in that role so characteristic of himself extended the heartiest welcome to all Kappa Sigmas who should happen within the city.

Some other toasts were: "Texas," Bro. E. J. West, Lambda; "THE CADUCEUS," Bro. F. L. Stone, Omega; and "Alpha-Rho," R. W. Crozman. Bro. Shattuck, Pi, then read letters from members regretting their absence and offering sincerest congratulations upon the Chapter's success.

The announcement most enthusiastically received was the letter from the Supreme Executive Committee stating the intention to establish a Chapter at Brown University. This topic, together with the prospects of the newly-formed Boston Alumni Chapter, furnished interesting discussion that lasted until an early hour.

RALPH W. CROSMAN (Alpha-Rho).

RECEPTION AND GERMAN GIVEN BY NU CHAPTER.

ON the evening of January 28th the members of Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma gave a beautiful reception in their rooms in the Coke Building, Williamsburg, Va. It was one of the largest attended Fraternity entertainments in the history of William and Mary College, and was in every way a most successful affair. The Fraternity colors—blue, maroon, and old gold—and potted plants were tastefully and uniquely arranged around the rooms, making a lovely sight, while a soft light came forth from tall lamps deeply but gorgeously shaded. The ladies of the receiving party were Mrs. John

L. Mercer, Mrs. J. Leslie Hall, Mrs. James D. Moncure, Miss Elizabeth Coleman, and Miss Edith Smith. The reception lasted from 7 till 9 o'clock in the evening, and then the guests were entertained at a large german held at the Colonial Inn. The german was led by Mr. J. B. Parrish, dancing with Miss Edith Ellett Jones, of Richmond, Va. The unstinted praise given the Chapter for the completely successful manner in which such a social function was held must be a gratification to every Kappa Sigma.

THE RUSTON ALUMNI CHAPTER.

As indicated in a recent issue of THE CADUCEUS, the permanent organization of the Kappa Sigma Alumni in and about Ruston, La., has become an accomplished fact. On the night of January 29th ten loyal Kappa Sigmas met at the Knights of Pythias Hall in Ruston and completed the formation of the Chapter. Those present were: Charles K. Lewis, A. J. Robinson, M. S. Standifer, R. G. Fuller, J. M. Sims, T. J. Harris, E. L. Kidd, W. J. Lewis, J. S. Atkinson, and J. D. Barksdale. From these were elected the following officers: C. K. Lewis, G. M.; R. D. Fuller, G. P.; A. J. Robinson, G. M. C.; J. D. Barksdale, G. S.; M. S. Standifer, G. T. Several others who had intended to be present were kept away by a variety of good causes. In fact, there are scores of Alumni in this section of Louisiana, and it is their desire and intention to keep alive the old college spirit, and to meet periodically to enthuse over and perpetuate the happy memory that every Fraternity man has of college life.

The Chapter has secured a hall in the heart of the city, and each member is bending his energy toward making it a most attractive place, one in which the Alumni will love to congregate. Current periodical literature will be in evidence



CHARTER MEMBERS RUSTON, LA., ALUMNI CHAPTER.

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on the reading tables, and many other features of a cozy little club will be provided.

We want to make every brother who may happen to stray through this particular part of "Dixie" feel that Kappa Sigma is indeed a good thing, and that its beneficence does not end with the senior college year.

After the organization of the Chapter had been completed at the first meeting, and some other prosaic but necessary business gone through with, those present were entertained at dinner by the good Kappa Sigma ladies of Ruston. The affair was a joyous one. The boys enthused and waxed eloquent upon the merits of Kappa Sigma and the loveliness of Kappa Sigma girls, and when the hour for parting came every fellow felt that he had done a good thing in renewing his Fraternity allegiance.

There is another feature of this movement that will be of interest to all college Fraternity men in the State. There are a large number of men from the different parts of the State, representing nearly all the Greek-letter Fraternities, who attend every assembly of the Louisiana Chautauqua. It is proposed to establish, under the direction of this Alumni Chapter, the Chautauqua College Fraternity Day, to be set apart for Greek-letter men in the program of each anniversary session. This will awaken an enthusiastic interest in the Chautauqua, and give to all college men a happy opportunity to meet each other in a stirring banquet and a grand annual Pan-Hellenic conclave. The Alumni Chapter of Kappa Sigma hopes to get all the active Chapters at the different State institutions, as well as all Fraternity men throughout the State, actively interested in this movement.

J. D. BARKSDALE.

THE ALUMNUS TAKES ANOTHER LOOK.

WHEN the present writer freed his mind on Fraternity matters as they appear to an Alumnus, and got into print on the subject, in a CADUCEUS of some months ago, he feared that his heretical sentiments might cause the overthrow of the whole Fraternity system. Said system having stood the shock, the Alumnus is bold to write again.

He reaffirms his belief in every statement in his former article, in which nothing was extenuated nor set down in malice; but takes his stand now within the Chapter itself; and attempts to state how it used to look to him when, preachments from the S. E. C. to the contrary notwithstanding, he used to join the fellows in wearing out good stout shingles on the unfortunate candidate, or putting ice down that individual's back with solemn injunctions to "keep cool, traveler, though dangers beset thy path." The object of Fraternity life as he helped to live it then was—what? He cannot say. There were several objects. One was to outdo all rival Chapters in social matters, even though the fall initiation fees should go to pay for a swell reception, while the W. G. T. waited vainly for a remittance, and wore out his mimeograph on circulars. Another was to have at every Chapter meeting a new combination of indigestibles, thus insuring a full attendance. Another was to maintain before the outside world an appearance of great complacency, and to induce as many girls as possible to wear the badge. Was the Alumnus conscious, in his daily and weekly Chapter life, that the Order of which he was a member was as abundantly supplied with the highest ideals and loftiest purposes as he was led to suppose by reading THE CADUCEUS? To say that he was not is only to state the fact, not to deny the reality of those ideals. But the Chapter itself was inwardly just what

it appeared outwardly to be—a crowd of jolly fellows, bent on jollity. We didn't learn the ritual by heart—it was too much like work. We didn't know the meaning expressed by every part and point of the badge—what Sophomore cares for symbolism? We didn't bother ourselves over Alpha Epsilon, Kappa, Delta, Beta—the Greek letters looked thrillingly mysterious, and we let it go at that.

In short, this particular Alumnus and his fellows regarded the Fraternity at large as a convenience which might possibly be useful when traveling in one's own country, or in foreign lands, and considered the Chapter a providentially arranged contrivance for driving dull care away and lending spice to an existence in danger of monotony. And who shall say and show that they were wrong? The history of the Fraternities show them to be social organizations; not burial societies, or good literature movements, or temperance lodges, or drinking clubs, or debating clubs, or societies for ethical culture, or organizations for the promotion of scholarship, or for the discouragement of it, or anything else in the known world but what they are. The Alumnus of to-day has felt, from the first day he ever looked inside a Fraternity magazine, that well-meaning editors and contributors perpetrate upon the Greek public a vast deal of solemn tommyrot, in order to keep up before the world a pretense of gravity and importance about a thing which in cold reality possesses neither. Why should the jester pretend to be a sage, the monarch of the carnival demand that his decrees be honored by Kings and Presidents? Why not take ourselves, even in the midst of a college lad's self-glorification, for just what we are? What sincerer message to his fellow-Kappa Sigmas, in college or out, can the Alumnus utter than this: Do not claim to be what you are not, to seek what you are not seeking, to feel what you do not feel, to accomplish what you are not accomplishing?

DEATH OF THE HON. WILLIAM C. McGOWAN.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL McGOWAN died at his home in Abbeville, S. C., on February 27th last. His death has cast a gloom over the whole State. Every class loved him and mourn his untimely end. South Carolina has lost a gallant, manly son, and one whom she could ill afford to give up. There were few men of more attractive manners and personal magnetism than he. He was one of those men always alluded to as a "very fine fellow;" one of those men of sterling worth whom you always know where to find, and who always is found on the side of the most punctilious honor.

William Campbell McGowan was the only son of the late Judge Samuel McGowan, of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, and was born at Abbeville on March 16th, 1858, and, therefore, was in his fortieth year. He was educated at the University of the South, and in 1881 he was admitted to the Bar, and was immediately taken into the law firm of which his father was the senior member. The year after, when his father was elected to the Supreme Bench, the name of the firm changed to Parker & McGowan, and so the firm remained until the present. During his course at the University of Virginia Bro. McGowan united with the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and was a loyal and energetic member of Zeta Chapter. After leaving college his fidelity to his Fraternity still continued, and none mourn him more sincerely than those who were drawn toward him by the close bond of the Star and Crescent.

In 1885 Mr. McGowan married Miss Delia Mathews, a Charleston lady, and to this union four children have been born.

He was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Con-

vention of 1895, and it is not too much to say that he not only took a prominent part in the deliberations of that distinguished body, but that his work was for the best interests of the State.

No finer tribute to Bro. McGowan can be given than the following editorial from one of the leading daily papers of South Carolina, *The State*: "From all parts of South Carolina men looked toward him as the leader of the future, and voices called him to the service of the State. So evident was his fitness for high trust, so thorough was the public confidence in him, that but for one point of difference between himself and the people—vital, as it happened, at this juncture—he would almost certainly have been, had he lived, the next Governor of South Carolina. The sudden ending of such a life, so full of great possibilities, so endeared to thousands, profoundly shocks and deeply grieves the State. It is felt how much has been lost for the future, how greatly in the decades to come his people will need his high example, his matured intelligence, his fine patriotism. Other sons like Will McGowan South Carolina has had, and will have hereafter, no doubt—but none like him is in the public eye to-day. A shining character! Pure in ideal, fine in fibre, broad in sympathy; open, genial, hearty; a brain that thought wholesomely, a voice that rang sincerity, a hand that clasped warmly, a smile that drew devotion. On men like him is the greatness of a State builded; his fall is as the fall of a pillar from beneath the civic structure."

IN MEMORIAM.

JAMES MAYBERRY KIMBALL died February 11th, 1898, at his father's residence in Medway, Me., aged twenty-seven years.

He was graduated from the University of Maine in the class of 1894, holding highest rank for scholarship and deportment, and was Captain of Co. B of the Cadets.

Upon his graduation he immediately began work in his chosen profession of civil engineering on the line of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad.

Afterwards he entered the employ of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and remained in its employ up to the time of his illness, a few weeks ago, at which time he was resident engineer, in charge of the work at Stirling, Mass.

At a meeting of Psi Chapter, held on February 16th, the following resolutions were adopted by the Chapter:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from this life James Mayberry Kimball, a faithful brother; be it

Resolved by the members of Psi Chapter of Kappa Sigma that we deplore the sad occurrence which has removed from his long field of usefulness one of our most enthusiastic brothers.

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives and friends.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of Psi Chapter; that one copy be sent to his family, and that copies be sent to THE CADUCEUS and *The Cadet* for publication.

LEON E. RYTHUR,

EDWARD H. DAVIS,

WALTER J. MORRILL,

Committee.



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THE FRATERNITY IN POLITICS.—The following communication sent to the Editor of *Beta Theta Pi* tersely shows the evil of a Fraternity entering into "scrambles" and "combines" to control college politics. The writer is none too strong in his condemnation of such action. We quote: "One of the most serious questions the college Fraternities have to face is what attitude they shall take in relation to the college organizations. Indeed, one of the strongest objections against the Greek-letter societies is the prejudiced and narrow position they take in college politics. It is doubtful if the professional ward-heeler or precinct boss is a whit shrewder schemer, more lavish with promises, or more adroit at pulling wires than the college politician.

"The other day, while reading our own Constitution, I discovered what is doubtless no discovery to most Betas, that it forbids a Chapter to enter into any combination or agreement in order to secure college officers or honor. If all the Fraternities had such provisions, and if they all heeded them, much of the objectionable part of college politics might be eliminated. It has commonly come to such a pass that that man wins who, irrespective of any natural fitness or capability, can swing the largest 'combine' by means of prom-

ises of assistant managerships, chairmanships, or future support 'for any one you put up.'

"Such actions seldom fail to cause bitterness and hard feelings between the different Fraternities, or the Fraternity and the non-Fraternity element, splitting up the whole college into factions that may last and antagonize each other for years.

"Let us not forget, it is a far greater honor that a man be proposed for an office, and that his campaign be carried on voluntarily by others than his own brothers. Not that they should sit idly by and trust to the lazy goddess, Fortune, to force honors upon them, but that they should not go to the other extreme—unprincipled greed.

"The objects and aims of a Fraternity are higher and nobler than the getting of college honors merely for honor's sake. Any Fraternity loses its dignity when it enters a disgraceful scramble to gain them."

INTER-FRATERNITY CLASS SOCIETIES.—The varying conditions under which inter-Fraternity organizations exist at the different American Universities render it impossible to judge them in every case as either wholly beneficial or totally bad in their effects. There are, indeed, many points in favor of these organizations, and many in which their actions are open to blame.

We first consider why the Fraternity should encourage these class organizations. We have four reasons:

1. They promote class allegiance. In every institution those in authority make an effort to increase genuine class enthusiasm. Such enthusiasm is an important factor in the success of college enterprises. It is a benefit to the individual, the class, and the college.

2. They furnish a better condition for the existence of Fraternities. The effect of an organization of any kind depends in a great measure upon outside influences. They

furnish the inspiration, life, and vigor, and give strength and character. It is often wondered why some Fraternity does not obtain a lead, absorb all the good men, and hold its position far in advance of any other. The secret lies in the outside influences. When a Chapter is in the fore-front, and has a good opportunity of obtaining a lead over its opponents, it becomes aware of its own superiority before the others even dream of it. As a result members feel less the necessity of an effort. Decrease in effort is immediately seen in diminished progress. The lead is not maintained. It might be said that Fraternities are entirely dependent upon external influences.

3. They exert an influence for good upon the Fraternity as a whole. This is accomplished by their effect upon the individual. A person may become narrow or remain narrow in an ideal Chapter. Inter-Fraternity association makes a man broader. It increases the number of close friendships without diminishing his relations with his own Fraternity. Narrow-minded members are a serious hindrance to harmony and brotherly love. With such men difference of opinion in regard to any subject causes unfriendly discussion. Ill-feeling results. Just as in an individual, so in a Fraternity, narrowness destroys; broadness builds up.

4. Inter-Fraternity association lessens unfriendly rivalry between Fraternities. This rivalry, so often shown in the "spiking" or "bidding" season, is an "ill wind that blows nobody good." It throws the wrong aspect on life, upon man's relation to his fellows. It diminishes that which the Fraternity seeks to increase—manliness. Some seem to think this unfriendly opposition is necessary to growth. On the contrary, it destroys the very principle which the progress of the Chapter demands. The inter-Fraternity association not only decreases this unfriendly rivalry, but substitutes profitable emulation. There is some great good in all, and a successful Chapter must realize that it is not the best in every respect. It is only by close contact with other men that we

appreciate the good features of other Fraternities. We are imitators. Every act is in some degree an imitation. Therefore, when we see and appreciate good methods and principles we seek to apply them to ourselves. An improvement in individuals and in Fraternity must follow.

To state briefly, inter-Fraternity organizations should be encouraged because they promote class allegiance, help the individual as a man, as a Fraternity man, and aid the Fraternities themselves, giving them a more perfect condition, and increasing their actual benefits.

The argument for their discouragement accepts all the foregoing, but carries the theory further. The nature of the banquets and initiations of these organizations are well known. The Theta Nu Epsilon is a fair representative of these organizations. An Alumnus of one of the most prominent universities writes:

“Regarding the question of benefits of class organization such as Theta Nu Epsilon, I must confess that my personal observations lead me to think that there are more arguments con than pro. I was a Theta Nu Epsilon, as you know. The fundamental idea, I would say, is to have an ‘h— of a time.’ I don’t think that an organization based on such a foundation can create much fraternal feeling, or be of any real benefit. If I went through college again I suppose I’d join Theta Nu Epsilon again, but I have given you my opinion.”

Such is the concession of a member. But there is no argument in the assertion that these organizations do not succeed. From our observation we believe they do not, but we shall only consider what would hinder such organizations from succeeding in their purpose, which is to be of benefit to the individual, to the class, to the college, and to the Fraternity. In the first place, they have no rivals. There is no restraining influence. Members feel no responsibility, and act accordingly. It is a different position than that in which

Fraternities are placed. One cannot, therefore, apply the same argument in their defense. Fraternities grow because of mutual help. Inter-Fraternity organizations lacking such help must fall. Members forget all about ideals and standards, and they are not to blame, because there is nothing to cause them to remember. The organization must naturally become nothing but an initiation. There is nothing else to take their attention and effort. In a Fraternity all attention is paid to improvement and supremacy over others. It is not because of better intentions, but because of force of circumstances.

But when one belongs to an organization that exercises nothing but a man's brutal nature, he receives a training that makes him less an intelligent, thinking being. This is certainly an injury to higher and nobler manhood.

These inter-Fraternity organizations could not enter into rivalry without causing serious divisions in the Fraternities themselves. Wrangling and dissension would have full sway in both organizations. Peace and harmony would be unknown. In such a case belonging to both is far worse than if a person belonged to neither.

One might suggest that if certain Fraternities belonged to one class organization, and the others belong to another, then there would be rivalry without division in Fraternities themselves. If this were tried it would destroy class allegiance, the very purpose of their foundation.

The argument for their encouragement depends entirely upon an "if." "If" the standard is maintained.

The opposing argument shows that without rivalry there would be nothing to cause them to maintain it, and that a condition of rivalry is in exact opposition to the purpose of the foundation of such an organization.

Therefore the "if" is impossible, because there is nothing to make it possible.

Our conclusions are that these inter-Fraternity class or-

ganizations are of no advantage, but of positive disadvantage, and certainly ought to be discouraged.—*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

INTER-FRATERNITY ACTION.—“It is not known to the writer just how many of the Chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta are members of a Pan-Hellenic League for regulating to a certain extent rushing and asking practices. Some certainly are, and it seems to be the general opinion of all who have given the system a fair trial that such inter-Fraternity action and agreement is an excellent thing for all concerned. There are, however, many colleges into which such an inter-Fraternity compact has not yet been introduced. Would it not be possible to extend this agreement which has worked so well where it has been tried? It has been found at times that the only thing necessary to bring about this much desired result has been that some one Fraternity should take the initiative and propose such a league, the rest meeting the proposition with little or no objection.

“The usual form which such a compact takes is a promise that none of the Fraternities entering into the agreement will extend invitations to membership to new students before a certain date. This is, of course, the simplest possible form of the inter-Fraternity compact. Other points might, perhaps, be touched upon with advantage, but even in this, its simplest form, the advantages of such a compact are obvious. They are, moreover, such advantages as favor not only the Fraternities concerned, but also the entering students in whom the Fraternities are interesting themselves.

“In the first place, one advantage is that more time is given to both sides for consideration, than when each Fraternity extended its invitations as soon as possible, usually trying to do so before its rivals had a chance. Then, as there is less hurry, there is also less chance for mistakes. It is probably a common experience that a girl who seems attrac-

tive and beyond all doubt a most desirable member, during the hurry and confusion of a first week may not seem nearly so desirable when two or three months have passed, and people's true values and positions begin to be manifest. The value of time for consideration is not less to the girl who is rushed than to the Fraternity; especially is this true in a college where no one Fraternity keeps a recognized supremacy year after year. In such a case, where the rivalry between two organizations is very close, the value of extra time in which to weigh the merits of the rival Chapters is apparent. Of course, where no inter-Fraternity compact exists Fraternities and Freshmen might take as much time for consideration as if there were a fixed asking day. They might, but as a matter of fact, they seldom do.

"What is perhaps a greater advantage is that an arrangement of this sort invariably tends to diminish rushing of an objectionable character or of undue violence. It is not unnatural, where no compact exists, and each Chapter runs the race as it pleases, that the Fraternity which can at once place itself most in evidence, and, in fact, almost take possession of the desirable Freshmen, is one which is most likely to succeed in gaining possession of the bewildered new student. This is by no means so invariably the case when asking day is placed perhaps two months after the opening of college. Then a certain amount of so-called formal rushing will still have its value, but the factor which more than any other will determine a Freshman in her choice will be the degree of intimacy of her personal acquaintance with members of the different Fraternities. Personal friendship will then win the day, and personal friendship is something which cannot develop without time for growth. It may be alleged that a real friendship can hardly be formed in two months. This is perfectly true, but it is also true that the foundations of a real friendship can be laid more soundly in two months than in a week or ten days."

The above-quoted article forms the opening portion of a thoughtful paper in the January number of *Kappa Alpha Theta*. To any one who has given the "rushing" problem serious thought the remedy which suggests itself for existing evils is to have some concert of action on the part of all the Fraternities at a college. If no members be solicited until some certain day two or three months after the opening of college much of the "unseemly and undignified scramble" is done away with. The sororities have gone further in this respect than the Fraternities, and right here is one of the instances where man will do well to follow in the wake of woman.

EDITORIALS.

There seems to be a unanimous sentiment in the Fraternity that the Supreme Executive Committee has done a wise thing in establishing the Beta-Alfa Chapter at Brown University. The proposition to establish the Chapter has been before the Fraternity for about a year, and the high standing of the petitioners gave their cause respectful and careful consideration. The Chapter begins life under most favorable auspices, and we predict for it a prosperous future. That it will become a prominent factor in college life at Brown the character, tone, and popularity of its charter members give complete assurance. THE CADUCEUS extends its heartiest congratulations to Beta-Alfa. By enthusing over our new Chapter the Editor must not be supposed to have abandoned a single tithe of his extremely conservative views on Chapter extension for Kappa Sigma. Brown University is one of the institutions which by tradition, size, and importance can give each year to a Kappa Sigma Chapter men who will be an honor to her roll of membership, and the foundation of the Chapter there came about in such a way that its permanent success is assured. It is seldom that such a chance to increase its Chapter roll can come to Kappa Sigma, established, as she already is, in nearly every college and university of high standing in America; for it must be remembered that in such institutions, with many Fraternities already having a firm foothold, those Fraternities consequently secure all the men who will really make good Fraternity members. A poor Chapter is worthless to any Fraternity, no matter where it is located; and Kappa Sigma to-day cannot afford to maintain any Chapter that is not of the highest standing. She has passed the time when mere numerical strength can be attractive. Several years may

elapse before another body of petitioners whom we can accept shall knock at our doors, and in the meantime every member of the Fraternity will know that by reason of such carefulness and conservatism Kappa Sigma is progressing rapidly.

The interest of the Alumni in the welfare of the Fraternity is still on the increase. We have already spoken of the gathering together of the Alumni in and around Ruston, La. As will be seen by an article in this issue, their banding together has become an accomplished fact. Now comes the information that the Alumni of Boston, Mass., have perfected arrangements for an association, and our good New England brothers can now meet in the Hub and renew their fraternal associations of college days, and incidentally become a great aid to the Kappa Sigma Chapters in the Eastern institutions of learning. It is sad, indeed, that the death of Bro. Kimball should come just after he had brought to full fruition his hopes for the uniting of the Kappa Sigma brothers of Massachusetts, but inspired by his noble example we believe other brothers will push forward the work he so ably began, and will make the Boston Alumni Chapter the frequent haven of all New England Kappa Sigmas. This energy on the part of the Alumni is an extremely gratifying sign for every Kappa Sigma. It is a part of that internal development of the Fraternity so dear to the Editor's heart; it is a sure indication that the bonds of fraternal friendship woven in Kappa Sigma Chapter-halls are being to-day more strongly felt and more tenderly appreciated than ever before. And now that the Alumni are evincing an interest in the Fraternity, it behooves the active members to keep alive that interest. Let the Alumnus know the condition of his old Chapter; let him feel that he is remembered by his younger brothers, and the Chapter will receive his moral and material support. It cannot

be denied that those Chapters are most prosperous which receive the constant attention of their old members, hence the forging of the link between the undergraduates and Alumni is both fraternal and desirable.

Many of our readers will no doubt remember an article which appeared in **THE CADUCEUS** some months ago entitled "How It Looks to an Alumnus." The same writer has sent to the Editor the article in this issue, "The Alumnus Takes Another Look." In the publication of this latter article the Editor does not wish it to be understood that he is in full accord with the writer; it is published merely as resulting from a certain point of view, that point of view having, in our judgment, passed away. The writer, you will understand, while at one time very prominent in Fraternity affairs, severed his connection with an active Chapter some years ago, and in the meantime changed conditions have produced changed ideas of Chapter life. The undignified, ruthless, and over-hilarious activity of Chapter members during an initiation has, we believe, almost entirely passed away, and something of dignity and solemnity in keeping with the ritualistic possibilities of our ceremony have taken its place. The bonds of fraternity which a member feels, acknowledges, and cherishes certainly to-day extends beyond the limits of his own Chapter, else the wonderful cohesive force evident in the progressive Fraternities could not be in existence. At the same time it cannot be denied that the attempts by many Fraternity writers and talkers to develop the ideal have often obscured the reality. It has always been the view of the Editor—and in that he is in accord with the contributor—that the foremost purpose of a Fraternity Chapter is to promote congenial companionship during undergraduate days, and such companionship with college men almost necessarily means the frequent indulgence in rational amusement

and jollity. To be morbidly or even quietly mysterious with regard to Fraternity relations and Fraternity aims is a great mistake, and simply tends to ridicule. Kappa Sigma is secret in its forms of work because it believes the integrity and unity of the Fraternity is best preserved by keeping from the public its ritualistic beauties, but its secrecy is rational and reasonable, and it places foremost in its creed the non-secret purpose of forming in colleges relatively small bodies of men, congenial in association, whose common desires and amusements, aided by the unifying influence of the Fraternity, produce friendships which will last not for a college term merely but for life. Looking at Fraternity life from this proper point of view we can see somewhat more in Chapter life than does our pessimistic Alumnus, and at the same time be entirely free from the charge of trying to seem what we are not.



The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for February is largely devoted to the last convention of that Fraternity. The oration, however, contains paragraphs that may be read with profit by any young American. The theme was "The College Man in Politics," and the orator was Albert J. Beveridge, who a few weeks ago, by his eloquent address on Lincoln, thrilled a New York audience of intellectual men. Take this paragraph for instance: "The college man cannot benefit the people until he is himself one of the people—one in heart and understanding, one in sympathy and hope. That is the first condition of helpfulness. And the people are entitled to this from the college man. If our learning and training is not for the people first and for our selfish advantage second; if all our preparation is not, chiefly, to make us brave and truthful and helpful citizens of a republic of common men, every college diploma is a certificate of wasted power and depressed views of life and duty. If our colleges are merely the manufacturing of intellectual exclusiveness, if they are merely the creators of another 'superior' class, let us turn their well-beloved and sacred walls into factories for the making of fabrics and tools, of shovels and of shoes, which, at least, are of some use to our common humanity." What a strong truth there is in those lines. The colleges are the creation of the people, and the whole people must receive the benefit of those store-houses of knowledge.

Among the editorials we find some amusing illustrations of the mishaps incident to honorary initiations. For instance: "In this struggle for recruits the requirements as to the place of initiation are also frequently dispensed with in a delightfully informal manner. We have heard of one who was 'put through' on a trip to Chicago, the ceremony taking place in the lower berth of a sleeping-car. Just how the ritual and its supposedly necessary accompaniments were observed in this case, we are unable to even guess. But the 'brother' came forth from behind the curtains a full-fledged member the next morning. In another instance the job was performed in bathing suits during a sea-water plunge, and we have even heard of a girl who 'rode the goat' in her back parlor on a summer evening—a much more sensible place to impart the grip than in the water. Sex, apparently, does not stand in the way." And in commenting on such instances of misguided zeal the editor well says: "The feverish haste to fill up their lists with 'big' men seems to have produced a reckless abandon, which in some Fraternities, if not checked, bids fair to corrupt and destroy the usefulness of those societies. Such artificial exaltation only cheapens. This plan of initiating men out of college is radically wrong, and diametrically opposed to the true Fraternity idea. In our opinion, no man should even be taken into a college Fraternity unless he is an actual *bona fide* student in course, no matter how distinguished or how worthy he may be, either as an honorary member or otherwise. To take in men after they have gone out of college is only one step from taking men in who were never in college. It is not only a ridiculous, absurd practice—and it has actually become a practice with some societies—but a dangerous one."

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta for January editorially announces the action of the Karnea in forbidding members

of the Fraternity to join Theta Nu Epsilon, and states that "the graceful unanimity with which the iron prohibition has been accepted leads us to believe that the Fraternity will not suffer, even slightly, from its rule. We prophesy also that ere long Kappa Alpha and Delta Tau Delta will be followed in respect of this legislation by other of our Fraternities."

The editor takes a praiseworthy stand on the question of absolute frankness in Chapter correspondents. He says he will positively refuse to publish a letter which seems designed to misrepresent a Chapter's condition. Further he says: "There are, of course, certain happenings in the life of every Chapter that should not be advertised. That is understood by every reader. But statements of harmony when a Chapter is torn by dissensions, of prosperity when a Chapter is trembling toward destruction, of popularity and high-standing when a Chapter is in disrepute—all this is so contrary to truth that only a crooked conscience will countenance it for a moment." We wish every Kappa Sigma correspondent to take a careful note of these statements, for the policy of the Editor of THE CADUCEUS is to publish nothing which will convey to the Fraternity at large any false information of prosperity. When a Chapter is in a state of semi-stagnation it is a willful falsehood to tell your brothers that harmony and activity reign supreme.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, under Editor Gretzinger's able management, appears promptly on time, and in addition always contains carefully prepared papers on live Fraternity topics. The much-agitated problem of legislating against Theta Nu Epsilon has not been solved by Phi Kappa Psi, and the January issue of *The Shield* contains a defense of that class Fraternity which sets forth in the strongest possible light the arguments in its favor. With all his skill, however, the writer fails to sustain the case for Theta Nu Epsilon. His

belief that the society does not divide Fraternity interest is a mere opinion not borne out by the facts. And the admission of the strongest charge against it is unwittingly made in the following paragraph:

“It is true that Theta Nu Epsilon is known somewhat for its deviltry. This might seem sufficient cause for our members not affiliating with the same, but we must look at the matter from a broad standpoint. Theta Nu Epsilon may be the means of deviltry, but it is not the cause. This deviltry exists to just as great an extent without Theta Nu Epsilon as within it. College fellows are bound to have their deviltry in one way or another—far better for them to have it as Theta Nu Epsilons than as Phi Kappa Psis.”

When the member of Phi Kappa Psi, or any other Fraternity, is also a member of Theta Nu Epsilon, the deviltry indulged in reflects as much upon the one Fraternity as the other. And when the Chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon is made up of members of several general Fraternities those general Fraternities suffer for the bad deeds of Theta Nu Epsilon, for a Chapter is after all but what its members make it, and a Chapter of Kappa Sigma, for instance, must stand the blame for the shortcomings of its members, no matter in what phase of college life their wrongful deeds are committed. Lastly, it cannot be denied that Theta Nu Epsilon has much less of a good reputation to lose than most college Fraternities.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi for December contains an article on Fraternity membership which begins in the following manner: “One of the most important questions of the present epoch in Fraternity history is the value of Fraternity membership. There has seemed to be a growing tendency to regard membership in a college Fraternity of high standing as being more desirable and of greater value than a con-

nection with any civic organization. Outside the social relation this is really the most important factor, and it is entirely fitting that a man should be proud of his Fraternity connection. It seems a wise policy for all Fraternities to recognize this fact, and bend their energies toward the elevation of membership and the exclusiveness of its character." The writer then speaks of evils which tend toward the destruction of this high ideal of Fraternity membership, and says that of all of them "lifting" does more actual harm than any other. To quote his words: "The actual fact is that were such a practice prevalent in any considerable degree, membership in a Fraternity would not be worth a row of buttons. Reasoning on common-sense ground it is or ought to be embodied in the Constitution of every college Fraternity that no man could belong to more than one Fraternity, and that no Fraternity has the right or power to initiate any man who belongs to or has been a member of any other college Fraternity." We certainly indorse the author's position with reference to "lifting." It is discreditable to the "lifting" Fraternity and a lasting disgrace to the "lifted" man. The worst feature of the policy is its increase in the last two or three years among Fraternities whose position and traditions should cause them to maintain a higher standard of Fraternity morals. Happily a sentiment of vigorous opposition to this practice seems to be growing among college men in general, and the severe condemnation it receives from the Greek press may cause its complete abandonment.

In commenting on the exchange of magazines between some of the women's Fraternities—an exchange extending to Grand Officers and Chapters—the Editor says: "We recommend the course to the Greek press as being a move in the right direction. *The Shield* stands ready to enter into such an alliance, and believes it would do much to soften harsh ideas, and overcome the great evil of 'lifting.' The painful secrecy—that mysterious element so captivating to

the Fraternity man—a quarter century ago—is one of the barbarous relics rapidly disappearing under the modern ideas of the present day. The ‘secrecy’ idea is not the ennobling principle of Fraternity life. There is something deeper and grander—the soul-fire, which is common to all men, only traveling in different channels. The same divine law which makes it necessary to have different churches would apply to Fraternity existence. The same idea presented to two persons is received by each in a different light. Two men gazing at the same sunset see different beauties portrayed therein. To each they are just as real—just as grand, but in a different way. So it is necessary to have different societies—all, however, lead to the same ultimate idea. Their ways are parallel, but never cross. All can exist in harmony and help each other in the matter of raising the standard of Fraternity membership. Such a move on the part of Fraternity journals is the stepping-stone to closer sympathy on general lines.” That the plan is an admirable one there is no doubt, and we should like the Supreme Executive Committee to arrange such an exchange on behalf of Kappa Sigma. Our Chapters could thus accurately judge the work in other Fraternities, be benefited by broadened Fraternity views, and make use of the good ideas that must appear from reading such a large store of Fraternity literature.

Editor Holmes expresses a desire to be relieved from his labors on *The Shield*, but we cannot believe Theta Delta Chi will permit him to do this. His magazine is one of the most dignified in tone of any of the Fraternity journals, and his retirement would occasion universal regret from the Greek press.

Beta Theta Pi for February contains an exhaustive discussion on the granting of Fraternity charters. As is well known, the present method of granting a charter in Beta Theta Pi is

by the annual convention, composed of undergraduate delegates. The first writer maintains that the delegate has given no particular thought to the petition; in many instances votes as he does because a delegate of some other Chapter is going to vote that way, and he knows all about it, and too often is guided by an opinion warped by prejudice or swayed by personal friendships. The author's belief is expressed as follows:

"The writer believes that, in the Fraternities which are to be our greatest rivals fifteen or twenty years to come, this whole matter will be left entirely in the hands of a few Alumni who shall have made a study of it, and who have been watching the growth of educational institutions, not for days and months, but for years, and who are thoroughly well informed on all points necessary to form a cool judgment. In other words, it appears to me that the undergraduates have proved themselves unfit and incompetent to judge questions relating to the granting and withdrawal of charters. They are influenced, not by questions of Fraternity policy, or of the facts relating to any particular case, but solely by whims, prejudices—ignorant prejudices—and many other considerations entirely irrelevant to the real question at issue, which always is, what course is to be pursued for the best interests of the Fraternity?" For Beta Theta Pi he suggests that the matter of charters be left in the hands of the Trustees, and he says: "Whose judgment is apt to be best—that of these six men, or that of the sixty-two boys from sixteen to twenty-two years of age? In the one case you have the mature judgment of men who are used to dealing with important matters daily, and looking at them from every standpoint, weighing facts and being called upon to maintain their positions, and who have learned to estimate men and things by experience; and in the other you have young men who are apt to look at the matter from a narrow standpoint, whose information is meagre, whose experience is yet to be secured, and who are

living in a world all their own, governed by queer conceits and prejudices."

The second writer contends that the undergraduate delegates, by their votes in convention, are the proper ones to grant charters. The Fraternity, he contends, to begin with, is an organization of college men, and primarily of students in active college affiliation, and he then goes on to say: "The percentage of Alumni, as compared with college students who take an active interest in the Fraternity, will be found to be about in the reversed proportion to the number composing the two classes, or else one-tenth Alumni to nine-tenths students. The question, therefore, of where we are to have Chapters should be, to my mind, as it is now, directly subject to the vote of the active Chapters represented at the convention. The college men are the ones who have to come in the closest contact with the different colleges, and, therefore, the places where we are to be represented is of paramount importance to them, while hardly one Alumnus in a hundred takes the trouble to ascertain anything about the location of the several Chapters. It is also none the less right that those who come in contact with the active Chapter should be the ones to judge where and when a charter should be revoked."

Further he says: "The argument advanced, that the Trustees are more in touch with the Fraternity as a whole, may be true enough in one sense, but in another it amounts to nothing. They may be conversant with the facts, as they think they are, but an active Chapter will not always communicate many of its reasons for opposing a petition. This is a fact, whether it is the right spirit to exhibit or not. They deem it sufficient to express their disapproval simply by using the negative vote, and giving general reasons, many of which none but college men in like positions to their own seem to grasp and appreciate as they do. The Trustees seem unable to understand why many reasons should be advanced, and this is largely due to the fact that they have been out of col-

lege for years, and are not in sufficiently close touch with the active college membership or the surroundings which may govern some particular case. It seems to me that it is much safer to have the revoking of charters left with sixty men, representing a thousand others, than to leave it to five men who act simply as they personally judge best."

We have given the readers of **THE CADUCEUS** a synopsis of the two articles in the hope that it may result in thought on the subject among Kappa Sigmas. These extracts are, of course, in a measure unsatisfactory, as being but small parts of long articles, but the next Conclave of Kappa Sigma will no doubt be the scene of a move to somewhat change our form of issuing charters, and it is well to see the lines of argument adopted by two well-posted and earnest members of another Fraternity. The Editor would be glad, in fact, to have the views of some of our brothers on this live topic.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

EPSILON.

CENTENARY COLLEGE, JACKSON, LA.

At the request of Bro. Erwin, our regular correspondent, who is very much crowded with preliminary examinations for entrance to West Point, I have consented to report the affairs of our beloved Chapter since last we wrote.

It always delights a correspondent to report that his Chapter has plucked some gem from barbarian fields and added another star to her royal diadem. I am allowed this pleasure in introducing to our Kappa Sigma brothers Bro. Joseph Hampton Slaughter, of Port Hudson, La. We are confident that Bro. Slaughter will reflect credit upon his Chapter and the Fraternity at large.

The ever-dreaded examinations of the first term are over, leaving all of Epsilon's men with enviable records. We are indeed proud of this, for it is one way of getting in good favor with the Faculty.

THE CADUCEUS of last number was indeed a success. With such strides as we have lately taken on that line there is no reason why THE CADUCEUS should not be the guiding star in Greek journalism. In order to increase its subscription list we have recently sent letters to the most of our Alumni, urging them to subscribe at once. The arrival of the *Star and Crescent* is always looked forward to with interest, for it always contains much news and information.

Some time ago we adopted a plan of having a literary feature attached to the regular program. This was confined to some question bearing directly on Fraternity or college topics. As well as being interesting, it is also exceedingly instructive, the late initiates having college and Fraternity

topics portrayed in various colors and thoroughly discussed. We find it a very good thing.

The outlook for a base-ball team this year is exceedingly flattering. With such men as Bros. Zenor, Lutz, and Singleton, and others we are sure of many victories.

The membership of Fraternities at Centenary this year is as follows: Kappa Alpha, 9; Phi Phi Phi (Local), 4; Kappa Sigma, 5.

With all due reverence for our brothers who have gone before and set that high standard which we to-day enjoy, we think that we can safely say that five more devoted brothers never worked so earnestly as those of '97-'98.

At the last meeting of our Chapter the following officers were elected: I. Erwin, G. M.; F. E. Singleton, G. M. C.; G. G. Zenor, G. P.; A. S. Lutz, G. S. and Chaplain; E. E. Wall and J. H. Slaughter, Guards.

With a hearty grip to all Kappa Sigmas,
I am, fraternally,

FRANK E. SINGLETON.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1898.

ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

The "reminder" from Bro. Martin finds Zeta's correspondent in such a state of excitement over examinations, De Lome's letter, Cuban belligerency, and Hawaiian annexation that the readers of THE CADUCEUS must not expect a communication of that "literary excellence" so much insisted upon by our Editorial Department

On January 15th Zeta increased her numbers by adding thereto Mr. John H. Chapman, of Gordonsville, Va. We take pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity, having found him worthy in every respect to be one of us.

Bro. Chapman is Editor-in-chief of the *'Varsity Magazine* and quite a "star" in the Glee Club. The Editors are now at work on the '98 *Corks and Curls*, and we have no reason to believe that it will not be a very creditable publication. Bro. Barlow is our representative on the staff. There are forty applicants for the base-ball team, and there is little doubt that the Captain will be able to select an excellent nine from the aggregation. Much interest is being manifested in golf and other out-door sports. Preparations are being made for field day, which takes place April 13th.

Fraternally,

FEBRUARY 17th, 1898.

HARRY H. SHELTON.

ETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.

We have no doubt that before this issue of THE CADUCEUS will have come from the press the chief topic of interest at the schools throughout the country will be athletics, chiefly base-ball. We believe that Randolph-Macon will place on the diamond a team that will hold its own with any other college in the State.

There was a time when Randolph-Macon was by no means a weakling in the department of athletics, but that was when introductory classes formed a part of the curriculum. Of course the natural result of the existence of these classes was a large student body, but since the lifting of the standard here has done away with the introductory classes the yearly attendance has greatly diminished, and this year there are only about 115 students at the college. But from this number we believe we can get some excellent material to array against that of schools which boast higher numbers. Bro. Hepburn is an applicant for the outfield on the team of '98, and we feel confident that he will make the place.

Eta has been planning somewhat for next year, and if projected schemes succeed we shall be well represented in athletics.

It was with considerable interest that we noted in the January CADUCEUS the clipping from *Beta Theta Pi* on horse-play. We cannot see what can possess the minds of some, for the sake of a little "fun," to practice the indignities that we have often heard of being practiced. One reason must be the failure to realize the meaning and solemnity of the initiatory ceremony (we speak now of Kappa Sigma). The idea of a Fraternity that some men seem to hold to seems not to go beyond the limits of their own Chapter. Such men meet a seemingly suitable man, and get his promise to join them. All they now are after is to have this prepossessing fish for their associate. They know that to get him they must go through the necessary ceremony, and in doing this they seem to forget the true significance of our beautiful ceremony in their efforts to make the occasion yield as much merriment as possible.

We certainly hope that it will not be long before all Kappa Sigmas and all other Fraternity men will cease to practice such affronts, and see that an initiatory ceremony is performed with such dignity as the occasion demands.

With best wishes for all Kappa Sigmas, I am

Fraternally yours,

FEBRUARY 15th, 1898.

J. D. HUGHTEN.

THETA.

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY, LEBANON, TENN.

Theta, though she has not been heard from lately, is not dead, but is fully alive and more powerful than she has been for some time past. We returned twelve men at the beginning of the fall term, which number was shortly augmented

by the initiation of the following new brothers: Garnett Duncan, '98, Fayetteville, Ark.; William Benjamin Craig, '98, Selma, Ala.; Phelps Franklin Darby, 1900, Evansville, Ind.; Calvert Welch Dyer, 1900, Evansville, Ind., and Clarence Euclid Waterhouse, 1900, Chattanooga, Tenn. All of these men had either brothers or close friends in the Fraternity, which fact rendered their addition to our ranks the more pleasing.

During the latter part of December a disastrous fire, destroying eight of the main business houses of the town, robbed us of our hall. We were fortunate in being able to save the records and *more essential* things, but nearly all of our furniture and minor riggings were destroyed. Not having been able to secure a suitable hall up to this time we have been holding our meetings at the boys' rooms.

During this second term we have had only one initiation. On Thursday evening, February 10th, Bro. Columbus Polk Goodson, 1900, of Jacksonville, Tex., had his eyes opened to the secrets of Kappa Sigma. Not having a hall for use on this occasion, Bro. Kirkpatrick very kindly tendered the use of his home, and after the initiation placed us under renewed obligations by feeding us highly on "all sorts" of good things.

Theta has reaped her full share of the honors bestowed by the recent elections. Bro. Sam Johnson represents his literary society on the *Phœnix* Board, while Bro. Crawford, our transfer from Omicron, represents the Chapter on the same publication. Bro. Duncan is manager of the base-ball team, and Bro. W. L. Darby was given first honor by his class, and was nominated by his department (Theological) as Bachelor of Ugliness. The election for this latter honor took place on February 22d. All the departments, College, Law, and Theological, had candidates out. The "Lits" were dropped on the first ballot, and on the second Bro. Darby carried off the honor. We congratulate our brother upon this manifestation of his popularity among his fellow-students.

We take pleasure in extending a Fraternal welcome to Beta-Alpha at Brown University.

Fraternally,

FEBRUARY 24th, 1898.

E. N. JOHNSON.

IOTA.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, GEORGETOWN, TEX.

The glad news of our new Chapter at Brown University and the favorable circumstances under which it enters upon Greek life were received by the members of Iota with much joy. We take this opportunity of sending congratulations and a sincere welcome to our new Chapter in the "baby" State.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of ushering within * * * * * Bro. Beverly Earle Solomon. It is sufficient to say that he was "found worthy."

It has fallen to the lot of Iota to have a representative on the prize debate at Commencement between the Alamo and San Jacinto Literary Societies. Bro. Dennis is one of the debaters from San Jacinto.

This scribe had the pleasure of attending the semi-annual banquet given by Tau Chapter on the evening of February 21st, 1898. It was a grand affair. The visit to Tau was enjoyed very much, and it is every word true when I say that Kappa Sigma is second to no Fraternity at our State University.

We enjoyed a visit last month from Bro. G. S. Combs, of '97. Bro. E. A. Decherd, of last year, now of Tau, also paid us a pleasant visit. His presence once more at our Chapter meeting added much encouragement and enthusiasm.

Iota owes no little of her success this year to Bros. A. A. Cocke, of '97, and our old "stand-by," S. A. Hodges. They have demonstrated the fact that their love for their Fraternity

is not all gone, although they are no longer active members. Happy is the Chapter that has such men residing *in urbe*.

With a hearty wish for success to every Chapter, and Beta-Alfa in particular, I am,

Yours fraternally,

FEBRUARY 23d, 1898.

C. W. DENNIS.

KAPPA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Your correspondent has just received very encouraging and exhilarating news from Bro. Martin, and has been made happy by it. This news was in the form of a letter telling us of Beta-Alfa Chapter. Much more pleasant, indeed, than some other letters our official brothers sometimes have to write to us.

Kappa was glad to meet Bro. Darby, of Theta, in the city last week, and also to meet Bro. Mormon, of Theta, who has come to be with us. We are glad to make our gain what is Theta's loss. Bro. Darby reports Theta in her usual flourishing condition.

Since our last letter Bro. Foster has been compelled to leave the University on account of sickness. We miss him exceedingly in all our deliberations, plans, and social gatherings. May he soon fully recover his health is the heart-felt wish of every man of Kappa, for in him we have lost one of our very best men.

At our last meeting Bro. Fullilove was elected to fill the vacancy on the *Comet* Board, caused by the resignation of Bro. Putnam.

On the Glee Club we are represented by Bro. R. P. Duckworth.

To "Little Rhody" we send fraternal greetings.

Fraternally,

FEBRUARY 20th, 1898.

J. H. FULLILOVE, JR.

LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Lambda Chapter was never in better condition than she is to-day. Numerically we are strong, heading the list of Fraternities here with fifteen men. Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are next, with thirteen men each; then Phi Gamma Delta with twelve, and Pi Kappa Alpha with ten.

All of Lambda's men are doing good work—such work as commands the respect not only of the Faculty, but of the entire student body. This is evidenced by the honors we have received from the students at large. Bro. Colville is President, Bro. Smith, Critic; Bro. Lanier, Corresponding Secretary, and Bro. Attkisson, Treasurer and "Volunteer" Representative of Chi Delta Literary Society, five of the nine honors within the gift of the society. Bro. Lanier, Freshman honor man for '96-97, is President of the Class of 1900. Bro. Mayfield is "Volunteer" Representative from class of 1901. Bros. Lanier and Stokely are on the Board of Editors of *Tennessee University Magazine*.

One extremely gratifying feature of these honors is the fact that they were all bestowed for merit alone—no wire-pulling or underhand work of any kind ever having been imputed to Lambda.

Internally we are putting forth every effort to make the Chapter as near an ideal one as possible, and are being rewarded by a decided advance in everything which goes to make up a Chapter. The men are exceptionally congenial, and with that true, a Chapter can be made anything desired.

Bro. Nicklin did not return at the opening of the second term. He is in business with his father in Chattanooga. We shall miss him, not only in the Chapter Hall, but also on the base-ball and athletic fields.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Uni-

versity it was decided to erect three new buildings, to be ready for occupancy by the opening of '98-99—a new mess hall, another dormitory building, and a new mechanical building, the latter to be one of the largest and best equipped in the South.

This action has been contemplated for some time, but it was not until recently that the finances of the University were in such shape that it could be taken. This is only one of the many steps upward which the University of Tennessee has taken in the last few years.

With best wishes to all “in the bonds,” I am

Fraternally yours,

H. L. JARNAGIN BARNES.

FEBRUARY 14th, 1898.

XI.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

The time has again arrived when it is Xi's pleasant duty to make known her work to her sister Chapters. It is true that very little has been going on here since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS, but Xi has held her own in all that has transpired.

Examinations were held at the University during the latter part of January, and the brothers acquitted themselves very creditably.

We regret very much to state that Bro. W. P. Fletcher, 1900, has been forced to withdraw from the University on account of eye-trouble, and consequently go from our midst. We shall miss Bro. Fletcher very much at our meetings and in our Fraternity work; but we are glad to learn that he intends to be with us again during the session of 1898-99.

Our annual letter to our Alumni has been sent. We consider it very important that they should be kept posted in re-

gard to the work of their Chapter, and the standing of its members in the institution.

The Junior class elections were held recently and Bro. Robert W. Huie was elected historian.

The work on the 1897-98 college annual, the *Cardinal*, is rapidly nearing completion, and the Kappa Sigmas who are on the Editorial staff are doing excellent work. Bro. Ross, in the capacity of Assistant Business Manager, is doing all in his power to make the annual a success.

The picture of our Chapter was taken Saturday, the 12th inst. It will, of course, appear in the University annual; but we hope to have it in THE CADUCEUS also. We may as well write that the picture is incomplete. We regret very much that Bros. Futrall, Wilson, and Richardson were unable to be with us at the time, and consequently were not included in the group.

As is generally known, we are constantly looking out for good men. During the past month our efforts have not been in vain, and we take pleasure in announcing that Mr. A. J. Martin, of Batesville, Ark., has lately accepted the invitation to become a Kappa Sigma, and will be initiated when he becomes a Freshman, which time will very probably be at the end of the present term. As has been intimated above, Mr. Martin is a student in the Preparatory Department. This is his first year at the University, but he has already distinguished himself in his studies, and has shown himself worthy in every respect to wear the badge of our beloved Order. We hope to announce the names of others in the next issue of THE CADUCEUS, for we "have our eye" on several excellent men, and we seldom fail to secure those whom we ask.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES H. ORTO.

FEBRUARY 18th, 1898.

SIGMA.

TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sigma has not remained idle, even if she has remained silent of late. We experienced quite a delay in getting in line, owing to the epidemic which prevailed in our midst last fall, but we are glad to state that our troubles from this standpoint are over, and are to be counted among those dreadful recollections which we do not care to recall.

At the outset we met as friendly rivals Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The best of good-will reigns among the Greeks, and no petty dissensions have arisen as yet. It is to be hoped that this reign of peace will be lasting.

Our lynx-eyed spikers have been on the lookout, and as a consequence two worthy men have successfully accomplished the perilous journey to Kappa Sigmadom on our time-honored steed.

The new brothers are Joseph Sydney Tremoulet, Law, '99, and Hartwell W. Rogers, Pharmacy, '98. Bro. Tremoulet is from New Orleans, while Bro. Rogers hails from Wesson, Miss., and was highly recommended by Phi Chapter. We have three or four men in sight who may ere long wear the Star and Crescent.

An old "war-horse" from Gamma, Bro. (Dr.) F. E. Girard, who was also for many years identified with Sigma, paid a visit to our Crescent City, and returned to his home at Lafayette, La., with one of our charming New Orleans belles, Miss Foucher, who is now Mrs. F. E. Girard. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the young couple, and wish them all luck.

Our Carnival was by far the grandest ever held in New Orleans, and we sincerely hope that the Supreme Executive

Committee will honor our Southern metropolis by choosing it as the place in which the Conclave of 1900 will be held.

It was the pleasure of your correspondent to meet Bros. Norment and Magill, of Alpha-Theta, and Bro. Breard, of Gamma, during the festivities, and we only regretted that their stay was so short.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Nicklin, the crack foot-ball player of the University of Tennessee team, when that team played a tie game—0 to 0—with the Southern Athletic Club team, of New Orleans.

We are proud to hear of our new Chapter at such a noted institution as Brown University, and are glad to note that it is starting out strong in a field where they meet very strong rivals. Our best wishes for continued success to our boys at Brown.

Your correspondent has received an enthusiastic letter from Bro. Barksdale, of our new Alumni Chapter at Ruston, La. The infant bids fair to cast aside its child's clothes and to make itself heard beyond the confines of our State.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, I remain

Yours in fraternal bonds,

P. ARTHUR THIBAUT.

FEBRUARY 25th, 1898.

TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Just now there is great activity in University circles, occasioned by the desire on the part of the various classes and organizations to secure representation in the '98 *Cactus* of our University. This publication bids fair to be unusually creditable, equaling, if not surpassing, that of '97, which reflected such great honor upon the Fraternities. Our Chapter will, as usual, be well represented upon the Editorial Board.

On the evening of the 21st Tau will give an "At Home" at the Driskell Hotel, for which elaborate preparations have been made. In this, as in other like affairs, we shall expect to score a social success and make it worthy of our highly esteemed brother, Mr. Thompson, and his bride, in whose honor it will be given.

Tau now takes precedence not only in point of numbers—being the largest Chapter in the University—but also in honor men. Bro. Daniel Parker, one of the most popular men in the University, as Captain of our foot-ball team was extremely successful. He was ably supported by Hart, Hogsett, and Abercrombie, all of whom won the highest praise for their work on the gridiron. For the coming base-ball season Kappa Sigma has excellent prospects. In short, Tau is in every way in a most prosperous condition, and your scribe can truly say that this is the happiest year of his Kappa Sigma career.

May all succeeding years be as pleasant and profitable, not only with Tau, but with every Chapter in the Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

T. AUGUSTUS WHATLEY.

FEBRUARY 19th, 1898.

UPSILON.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

How time flies! Why, it seems as if it were but yesterday that we were at home enjoying the holiday festivities, and we can scarcely believe that we have been on the grind for nearly two months. But then if we should stop a moment and think we would be reminded that the intermediate celebration is staring us in the face, and your correspondent would conclude that it was about time for him to send a letter to THE CADUCEUS. Two literary societies will celebrate Washington's birthday next Tuesday evening. Three ora-

tors are chosen from each society to grace the Chapel rostrum on that occasion, and they will doubtless do themselves and their societies "proud." We are represented in the celebration by Bro. Richardson, who is one of the four Marshals.

The gymnasium team, which has been training for some time under Bro. Bull, will give an exhibition on the 21st, and it will no doubt be a great success. Bros. Caldwell, E. C. and A. S., Jr., will also figure quite prominently on this occasion, as they have done on previous ones of a similar nature.

The base-ball team is getting ready for the spring contests, and we confidently expect to see it play good ball. We will probably have several men on the team.

The College orchestra has again organized, and will probably furnish the music for the celebration on the 22d. Bros. Bull, McGeachey, and H. W. Cole represent Upsilon in this organization.

With cordial greetings to the new Chapter at Brown University,

Yours fraternally,

HOWSON W. COLE.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1898.

PHI.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE,
TENN.

Phi sends her heartiest congratulations to the new Chapter, Beta-Alpha, and wishes her a long and prosperous life within the realms of Kappa Sigma.

Nothing of special interest has occurred since our last letter, except Phi has been taking her share of the honors.

In the preliminary declamation contest Bro. Gray was chosen as second honor man to represent Stewart Literary Society, and the writer was chosen first honor man to represent Washington Irving Literary Society.

Bro. Herbert Morrow, of Phi, was decided the best speaker out of 170 contestants at Webb School, Bellebuckle, Tenn. We feel proud of Bro. Morrow's reputation as an orator, and especially of his being a loyal Kappa Sigma.

The writer was elected Marshal from Washington Irving Literary Society for Commencement.

Our election of officers resulted as follows: Bro. Rea, G. M.; Bro. Gray, G. M. C.; Bro. Byers, G. P., and Bro. Bailey, G. S.

With best wishes for all within the bonds, I am,
Yours fraternally,
FEBRUARY 21st, 1898. GEORGE R. REA.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, MAINE.

Since our last letter we have enjoyed a vacation of six weeks, and we have just gotten settled down to work again. We are glad to welcome back this term Bro. Walter J. Morrill, who has been out of college for a year, and also Bro. F. M. Tolman, who has been out teaching for a few months.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our loyal Alumni, Bro. Charles T. Hincks, '95, we now have a beautiful banner floating from the flagstaff on the Chapter-house. The field of the banner is white, bordered with blue, and has the letters "Kappa Sigma" very tastily placed upon it in blue. Such a flag has been our desire for a long time, and its gift is surely appreciated to the fullest extent.

We are now enjoying a very pleasant visit from Bro. J. W. Randlette, '96, who holds a fine position in the Inspection Department of the New England Telephone Company, of Boston. Bro. Randlette is G. S. of the recently organized Boston Alumni Chapter.

Several of the University of Maine students were severely injured in the Maine Central R. R. accident at Orono

recently, but we are happy to report that none of Psi's men were on the ill-fated train.

It was with great sadness that the Chapter learned of the death of Bro. James Mayberry Kimball, '94, on February 11th. He was one of the hardest workers and best Fraternity men Psi ever had, and in his death we feel that we have lost a true friend and loyal Kappa Sigma. He was largely instrumental in the organization of the Boston Alumni Chapter.

Psi is in a very prosperous condition at this time. We have the Chapter-house literally filled with brothers, who are anxious to see the Fraternity lead in all that is worthy, and are willing to work to help place Kappa Sigma in the van.

Base-ball is sure to have a good standing at the end of the coming season at the University of Maine. With all of last year's team and some splendid material in the Freshman class, we are confident of being able to develop a team that will do credit to the University.

It was with great pleasure and satisfaction that Psi learned of the new Chapter, Beta-Alpha, to be instituted at Brown University on February 22d, and we tender our new brothers a hearty and cordial welcome into Kappa Sigma.

Fraternally,

FEBRUARY 16th, 1898.

C. OMER PORTER.

ALPHA-DELTA.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

It was with great pleasure and true Kappa Sigma enthusiasm that we received Bro. Martin's letter stating that we were soon to form a new Chapter, Beta-Alpha, at Brown University. Truly, Kappa Sigma is giving birth to so many hale and hearty youngsters that none of her Chapters retain the title of "baby" for any great length of time.

Mrs. Forster, mother of Bro. Forster, very kindly tendered us a banquet at the University Inn on the evening of February 11th, after which dancing was indulged in until the "wee sma' hours."

We recently received a letter from Bro. Zentmeyer, '99, who, while in Illinois on business, had the pleasure of paying a visit to our Lake Forest Chapter. It is needless to say that he reports a very cordial reception.

We are anxiously looking forward to the time when we can enjoy a new Chapter-house. Although we have nothing definite in view, we have scores of plans, one of which we hope soon to put into effect.

Bros. Haehnlen and Sallada had the pleasure of giving a cheery grip to Bro. Trone, who for some weeks has been lying dangerously ill at Bellefonte with a severe attack of typhoid fever. We are glad to say, however, that no fears are now entertained for his recovery.

The "Thespians," a Junior and Senior dramatic society, in "The Rivals," assisted by the Mandolin Club, have been very successful in a series of productions in near-by towns.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs have been earnestly practicing, and expect to make two trips this season, one during March and the other during the Easter vacation.

The first of the basket-ball games of this season's schedule was played with Bucknell on the 11th, resulting in a victory for us by a score of 12 to 4. Bro. Catterall, of Alpha-Phi, who was one of the visiting team, stopped with us for a short visit.

Our base-ball prospects for the year seem to be quite bright, Bro. Haehnlen having arranged a schedule embracing most of the leading collegiate teams.

With a hearty grip to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,
Yours fraternally,

W. W. TUSTIN.

FEBRUARY 26th, 1898.

ALPHA-ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Alpha-Zeta is in a most prosperous condition this year, with the comfortable number of twenty active members earnestly engaged in fostering her interests.

Since our last communication to the Fraternity at large we have added the following worthy brothers to the Chapter: Edwin McGinnis, 1901, Chicago, Ill; James Ronald Henry, 1901, Chicago, Ill., and Herbert Bernard Buster, 1900, Charleston, W. Va. We take pleasure in proclaiming them Kappa Sigmas.

The recent election of officers resulted as follows: Bro. Scott, G. M.; Bro. Sweasey, G. P.; Bro. N. K. McInnis, G. M. C.; Bro. Griffith, G. S.; Bro. H. T. Gundry, G. T.; Bro. A. Gundry, C., and Bro. Henry, G.

Bro. Julius C. Travis, W. G. M. of Kappa Sigma, recently paid us a very pleasant visit, and we feel that his presence among us for even so short a time did the Chapter a great deal of good. He is an ideal man for the responsible position that he holds.

The first semester closed last Friday, the 18th, and in the evening of that day the Junior hop, the swellest social event of the year, was given. Alpha-Zeta was well represented. Our chaperones were Mrs. Day, Mrs. Ward, and Bro. Ward. There were also present Miss C. Day, Miss G. Day, Miss Doolittle, Miss Patton, Miss McDiarmid, all of Detroit; Miss Titus, of Battle Creek, and Miss Fleming, of Chicago. There were two hundred and fifty-five couples in the grand march, and the hop, as a whole, was pronounced one of the most successful of late years.

Bro. Clark, of Pi Chapter, Swarthmore College, who is now traveling with Robert Downing, the great actor, was up to see our boys last week. We have enjoyed a number of

pleasant visits from members of sister Chapters this year, and we extend a cordial invitation to all who chance to be in this part of the country to drop in to see us at the Chapter-house.

Our Chapter has been wonderfully strengthened during the present college year, and we have high hopes for the future.

Fraternally,

R. B. GRIFFITH.

FEBRUARY 21st, 1898.

ALPHA-ETA.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Three more members have been added to our Chapter since the last letter. They are: Robert Prior Henry, of Texas; Alvah W. Patterson, of Oregon; A. Lester Tracy, of Washington City. These men are strong additions to our number, and have already begun to show the spirit of true Kappa Sigmas.

During the last two months the Law School Debating Society has held two public debates which shall ever be memorable to Alpha-Eta. In the first, the two successful speakers chosen by the committee of judges were Bro. Phelps and Bro. Patterson. They were the only two Kappa Sigmas in the debate, and were picked out as the successful men. In the second debate we were represented by Bro. Adams, and his effort was such as to compel the judges to name him as the first successful speaker. The Chapter is, very properly, we think, proud of our successful debaters.

Brother Loucks was elected to manage our track team during the coming season, and he will no doubt meet a number of Kappa Sigmas while traveling with the team. The Chapter held a most successful banquet on December 22d,

which was enjoyed by all present. We had with us as guests of the occasion Bro. Harper (Zeta) and Bros. Humphreys and De Valin (Alpha-Epsilon). The toasts were as follows (Charles E. Phelps, Toast-master): "Our Fraternity," Oliver C. Stine; "Greek *vs.* Barbarians, Henry T. Bright; "The Journey," Melvin G. Adams; "Our Politics," John Womack Wright; "Kappa Sigma in the North," Algernon E. U. Sartoris; "Virginia, the Home of Kappa Sigma," Preston Boisseau; "Star and Crescent," George C. Fouse; "Once Brothers, Always Brothers," Walter A. McNeill; "Official Dignity," William F. Kirk; "Alpha-Eta," Frederick E. Young; "First Impressions," John B. Dahlgren; "Athletics," Graham B. Nichol; "Married, but Single," William M. Smith; "The Ladies, Neglected, but Not Forgotten," Willard A. Rill; "Jokes—Not Chestnuts," Beard, Benjamin, Harris, Loucks, Tracey, and Key.

We had obtained the promise of Bro. H. M. Martin to be with us on the occasion, but at the last moment he was compelled to decline. Nevertheless, we hope to call upon him again.

Bro. Nichol's term as manager of the foot-ball team expires shortly, much to the regret of the team. His management of the team was most efficient, and much of the success is due to him.

The Hamiltonian Debating Society (a new organization in the Law Department) recently elected its officers, and your scribe was declared President. With regards to our Chapters,

I am fraternally,

JOHN WOMACK WRIGHT.

JANUARY 19th, 1898.

ALPHA-THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENN.

The most important event and the most anticipated pleasure awaiting our Chapter is to happily entertain the Kappa Sigma Association of Tennessee. The proximity of this meeting should stir all Chapters with the zeal characteristic of Kappa Sigmas, and impress upon them the importance of sending a large delegation. It is almost imperative that those Chapters in the State should be represented, and we take this opportunity to invite all.

The date has not been set, but it has been suggested, and we think wisely and well, that it could be held better in April than May, as heretofore, on account of examinations and field day. As it may be held before the next issue of THE CADUCEUS appears, I will communicate at once with the officers and hope to be able to inform any brother at a distance the exact day. The success of this meeting will be largely instrumental in our getting the Conclave at Chattanooga. Let all come and help make this the greatest and most successful meeting yet held.

At our last regular meeting Mr. Irwin Augustus Rainey, 1901, of Mercer, Tenn., having been well recommended, was ushered into the "bonds" and deemed a well worthy wearer of the Star and Crescent.

It is with much regret that I chronicle the loss of Bros. Horner, Buck, Cox, and Norment this spring, and the Chapter keenly feels their loss. They were loyal, faithful, and active in all good works of the school.

Bro. Buck was especially interested in athletics, and he won much praise in the outfield on our ball team last spring.

Bro. Horner has gone into the evangelistic field, and we wish him God-speed in his new work. It was due to his instrumentality that the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of Tennessee was founded.

Much interest is being displayed in athletics this spring, and we hope to have the best base-ball team in our history. We expect one or more representatives on the team. Bro. Skene has been elected Captain of Field Sports.

Our President, Dr. Savage, is out in the interest of the Chapel Fund, and Capt. Irby has been elected President *pro tem*.

Much credit is due Bro. Darby for the write-up of Kappa Sigma Day at the Centennial.

We are glad to welcome Beta-Alpha within * * * * * and wish her the success that she is sure of and deserves to enjoy.

We shall hereafter observe literary exercises at our regular meetings.

Hoping to see a large delegation at our State meeting, and with kindest regards to all Kappa Sigmas,

I am, fraternally yours,

FEBRUARY 17th, 1898.

GORDON L. BURKE.

ALPHA-IOTA.

U. S. GRANT UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, TENN.

At last the anti-Fraternity spirit which has been slumbering here so long, and which we had hoped was entirely banished from the minds of the non-Fraternity element, has broken forth in a fierce manner, and has caused the Fraternities more annoyance than anything else which has been attempted since the founding of this Chapter.

Bro. Lusk, one of our best members has been called from among us, to fill the position of Telegraphic Editor of the *Knoxville Tribune*, one of the most prominent of our Southern daily papers. He holds an important position, and our best wishes for his success attend him in his work.

The examination days are almost upon us, and ere our many brothers read these happenings from Alpha-Iota, we

will have entered upon the third and last term's work of the present school year.

Our new brother, U. S. Andes, entered the Greek world of Kappa Sigma, a few weeks since, and pronounces it to be a good thing, as do all others who have had the honor to be called a Kappa Sigma. Bro. Andes is proud of us and we are proud to call him brother.

On March 3d, the Junior Class will deliver their annual orations, and we anxiously await to see Bros. Oliver and Burke win for their Fraternity its usual high standing.

Bro. Baker has been obliged to suspend school duties on account of his health; however, he still keeps up his work in the Commercial Department.

The letter announcing the founding of "Beta-Alpha" Chapter at Brown University has just been received, and to say we heartily congratulate the new Chapter is putting it mildly indeed.

May the birth of the new Chapter fitly commemorate the birthday of the Father of our American Republic, and may its record be as pure and spotless as the life of the man upon whose birthday it began to exist.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

FEBRUARY 17th, 1898.

HOWARD R. BURKE.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

Once more we have returned from our holiday vacation, and again we are settled in the routine work.

Bro. C. F. Lake, having obtained a very desirable opening, is no longer with us, and as he goes on his way he has with him our best wishes.

Bro. Putnam, of Epsilon, is in the University this term,

and we are very glad to welcome him to a place in our band. An elder brother of Bro. Putnam was one of the charter members of Alpha-Kappa, and we were especially glad to welcome another member.

For the past few weeks the principal topic of conversation has been the controversy between Yale and Cornell regarding the boating question.

Yale challenged Cornell to an eight-oared race, and dictated time, place, and conditions. Cornell accepted the challenge upon the condition that Cornell be allowed to name the time and place for a similar race next year, which was but fair. Yale refused to row, and the following will explain the situation as we see it:

"In an interview to-night Professor E. W. Huffcutt, President of the Athletic Council, which had full charge of the negotiations with Yale, gave out the following official statement:

" 'Cornell regrets that Yale finds it impossible to assent to terms which appear to her to be in every respect fair and sportsmanlike. The terms proposed are an exact equivalent of the terms of the challenge. Moreover, they are precisely the terms which Yale proposed to Harvard last year, and to which Harvard assented. It seems, therefore, that Yale's disinclination to accept them must be due to reasons quite distinct from any objection to their fairness, and having to do with her general inter-collegiate policy.

" 'If this is so, the case resolves itself into a difference between Cornell and Yale as to inter-collegiate relations in general. Upon such a question gentlemen may disagree without engendering any unfriendly feeling, so long as the controversy is conducted in language of courtesy and mutual consideration. In this spirit Cornell accepts the decision of Yale.'

"Captain Frederick D. Colson, of the 'Varsity crew, made the following statement:

“ ‘Cornell considers that her answer to Yale’s proposition for a boat race was perfectly fair from every point of view. I can only express my surprise at the refusal of Yale to accord to Cornell next year what she claimed of Cornell this year. Cornell oarsmen regret that Yale has made it impossible for another test to be made between the two different styles of rowing inseparably connected with the names of Courtney and Cook.’ ”

Cornell won the inter-collegiate championship last year, defeating Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, and Columbia. Cornell has received challenges from and will row with Harvard, Columbia, and Pennsylvania again this year.

Training has begun among the Freshmen, and 146 candidates have reported.

Alpha-Kappa will shortly have a “swing,” and in our next letter we expect to introduce several new brothers.

With best wishes for the term’s work,

Fraternally yours,

JANUARY 17th, 1898.

GEORGE P. HEMSTREET.

ALPHA-MU.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

It is no fault of your present correspondent that for quite a time Alpha-Mu has failed to send her letter to THE CADUCEUS, and he promises that so long as the mantle rests upon his shoulders, the letter shall appear in due time.

Alpha-Mu has not been wholly idle, for during the fall we have assisted three seekers of knowledge on their perilous journey to * * * * * and added to Kappa Sigma three worthy members. Permit me to introduce Bro. Henry W. Collins, of Enfield, N. C.; Bro. Jas. H. Simmons, of New Berne, N. C., and Bro. D. C. Swindell, of Rocky Mount, N. C. Bro. Collins is a member of 1900, Bro. Swindell of the Phar-

macy Class, and Bro. Simmons pursued an optional course. Bro. Simmons played tackle on the 'Varsity, but gave up playing before the Western trip. We are very sorry he did not return to us after Xmas. Our number was, however, swelled by the addition of Bro. Jas. W. Copeland, Jr., Delta, '95-'96.

The base-ball team is now hard at work and we expect to carry off the Southern Championship. Bro. Woodward is playing at "short," and will surely hustle all applicants for this position.

Bro. Collins and your correspondent paid a short visit to Eta Prime last week, and found the boys "over the way" on the alert and anxious to promote Kappa Sigma's interest.

Since our last letter Alpha-Mu has moved into more comfortable quarters. At the last election the following officers were elected: Bro. Copeland, G. M.; Bro. Woodward, G. M. C.; Bro. Gould, G. P. and Chaplain; Bro. Swindell, Guard; Bro. Collins, G. T., and Bro. Thompson, G. S. We have one very worthy man pledged and hope to report another before long. We extend best wishes to Beta-Alpha. May she live long and become a bright jewel in Kappa Sigma's crown.

Yours fraternally,

PERCY M. THOMPSON.

FEBRUARY 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-NU.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

A letter from Alpha-Nu did not appear in the last CADUCEUS; but we trust that the correspondent will not be guilty of such negligence again. Since our last letter Alpha-Nu has not added to herself numerically, but she has been, by no means idle. Day by day, the bands of fraternal love and friendship grow stronger, and occasionally we all assemble

in our Chapter-house and sing some of those glorious old Kappa Sigma songs which act so like a tonic, and make us all the more zealous to go forth and battle for the cause of Kappa Sigma.

All the college students are looking forward to to-morrow evening with a great deal of interest. The two Literary Societies will celebrate the birth of Benjamin Wofford, the founder of the College. Two orators will grace the occasion, one from each society, and Kappa Sigma has the honor of being represented in Bro. Ernest Wiggins, one of the orators of the evening. Bro. Wiggins is one of our new men, but he has been recognized in college circles as a speaker, and we feel sure he will add lustre to himself and Kappa Sigma.

The Sophomores have already begun to make preparations for the Sophomore exhibition, which will take place in May next. The six speakers for the occasion have already been chosen, two of whom are Bros. E. H. Hall and L. E. Wiggins. Both are speakers of ability, and we shall expect nothing less than honor and credit from them.

We were very sorry, indeed, to lose Bro. N. L. Bennett, Jr., who was unable to return to College after Christmas. He had been with us only a few months, but in that short time he had, by his pleasant manners, won many friends.

Prof. Dupre, head master of the Fitting School, was some time ago sick for several days, and the Faculty of the College appointed Bro. M. V. Bennett to fill his position. He would not tell us how often he had to wield the rod, but we hear that he was eminently successful.

Our base-ball team is daily practicing, and has already several games scheduled. With Kappa Sigmas in the field, on first base, and in the box, and under the management of Bro. Bennett, defeats will be few and far between.

At the last regular election of officers the following were chosen: G. M., L. L. Dantzler; G. M. C., E. H. Hall; G. P.,

J. S. Salley; G. T., W. H. Zimmerman; G. S. and CADUCEUS correspondent, Ernest Wiggins.

Alpha-Nu wishes to send greetings and congratulations to Beta-Alpha upon their safe passage through the * * * * *. Nothing cheers us more than the establishment of a sound, healthy Chapter.

With this letter your correspondent turns over the pen to other hands with a feeling of work not well done, but he feels sure that Alpha-Nu will have better and more interesting letters in the future.

Yours fraternally,

L. L. DANTZLER.

FEBRUARY 21st, 1898.

ALPHA-RHO.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, ME.

The time has passed more quickly than I expected, and another letter is due from Alpha-Rho.

Bro. Edwards is again out of College for a time, Bro. Coombs is spending a few weeks at Bath, and Bro. Churchill has been visiting at Portland. We are very glad to learn that Bro. Clark is to return to College as soon as his eyes will permit. A report had gained currency that he was not to return. Bro. Clement and Bro. Giles have returned, and if we are patient for a few days longer we shall have a united Chapter.

At a recent meeting of the Class of 1900 Bro. Willey was chosen Vice-President.

We hear that the '99 *Bugle* will soon be out. Bro. Wignott represents us on the board.

Prospects for a successful season in base-ball are brighter than ever. Kappa Sigma was well represented on the team last year, and will not fall behind in '98.

Owing to the change in correspondents, no mention has yet been made of the work of Bros. Albee and Cloudman in foot-ball. This is rather late for foot-ball talk, but we feel that this ought to be mentioned. Alpha-Rho is a new Chapter, and her athletic standing among her sister Chapters at Bowdoin is a subject for congratulation.

Before another issue of THE CADUCEUS we shall have had our annual banquet, which will mark another year of our existence. Alpha-Rho is a very lively three-year-old!

Fraternally,

ELBERT B. HOLMES.


FEBRUARY 14th, 1898.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

Since our last letter Alpha-Upsilon has initiated four men—Bros. J. B. Mitchell, L. C. Holloman, H. F. Sively, and J. S. Ewing, all members of the Class of 1901. We take pleasure in introducing these new brothers to all Kappa Sigmas as men well worthy to wear the Crescent and Star.

Our initiates this year number eight, a larger number than have been taken in in any previous year. The Freshman Class of this year, in spite of unfavorable conditions attending the opening of the College, is larger than any other entering class in the history of the institution, and contains an unusually large number of good men. Seven of our initiates this year are Freshmen, and their number and quality make us more confident than ever before that the future success of the Chapter is assured. We expect to lose four men this year by graduation. In this respect we are much better off than our friendly rivals, the Kappa Alphas, who will lose seven men. Our Chapter now has twenty-one members, there being four more now than the largest number in any



former year, and it may be said safely that the ties which hold us to each other were never stronger, nor were our associations with each other ever more pleasant.

Bro. Locke was recently selected by the Faculty as one of the two representatives of the College in the Mississippi State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, which comes off in the spring. This is one of the highest honors in the gift of the College, and we feel sure that Bro. Locke will reflect credit upon the College and the Chapter.

The Chapter has taken steps toward properly fitting up and furnishing another of its suite of rooms, and before the end of this session we intend to have it nicely furnished. We have also bought additional furniture and ornaments for the hall we have already fitted up, and of which we are justly proud. With best wishes for all Kappa Sigmas, I am

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT B. RICKETTS.

FEBRUARY 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-PHI.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS Alpha-Phi has added another member to her number—Bro. Ralph Frederick Koons, '98, of Huntingdon Mills, Pa., who is worthy in every respect to wear the Star and Crescent.

Nothing pleases us more than a visit from our Alumni. We were therefore glad to have Bro. Paullin, '95, who is at present in his Senior year at the Crozer Theological Seminary, spend a week with us some time ago.

Bro. Gilpin has been elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Orange and Blue*, our weekly paper.

We have decided to hold our annual symposium June 22d at the Cameron House.

The debate craze seems to have struck Bucknell, as she has three inter-collegiate debates arranged at present—with Lehigh University, Franklin and Marshall College, and Allegheny College.

Alpha-Phi congratulates Beta-Alpha and wishes her all prosperity.

With best wishes to all in the bonds, I am

Fraternally yours,

OLIVER J. DECKER.

FEBRUARY 19th, 1898.

ALPHA-CHI.

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, LAKE FOREST, ILL.

If the recent history of Alpha-Chi's correspondence with **THE CADUCEUS** were an index of her prosperity and enthusiasm you would truly have reason to be discouraged with us. That such is far from the truth will be readily seen from the following list of neophytes who have been ushered within the portals during this apparent lifelessness: Bros. M. E. Alcott, Elgin, Ill.; D. F. Biggs, Warsaw, Ind.; O. H. McCornack, McQueen, Ill.; J. F. Scouller, Pontiac, Ill., and J. E. Kennedy, Rib Lake, Wis. We were also glad to welcome into our Chapter Bro. C. W. Knouff, formerly of Alphi-Pi, and he proves to be one of our most loyal and enthusiastic members.

On January 29th the members of Alpha-Chi and their lady friends enjoyed a sleighride to Waukegan, where an elaborate dinner was served. Bronze souvenirs, specially designed for the occasion, were presented. It gave us great pleasure to have with us at that time Bro. Stoops, of Libertyville, and Bro. Carr, President of the Chicago Alumni Chapter. Our loyal Kappa Sigma girls at Ferry Hall Seminary have invited us to attend a party at their parlors on the even-

ing of February 21st, and we are all confident of a very pleasant time.

Bro. Graff, Manager of the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs, reports favorable prospects for the annual tour through the Northwest, which is to be taken the 1st of April. Bro. Hanson is leader of the Mandolin Club, and Bro. Loran holds a similar position in the Banjo Club, while Kappa Sigma is well represented in all the clubs. We recently enjoyed a visit from Bro. Zentmeyer, Alpha-Delta. We always appreciate and are greatly benefited by the visit of so enthusiastic a brother. At our last meeting the following officers were elected: G. M., C. W. Knouff; G. M. C., A. H. Colwell; G. P., H. Miller; G. S., O. H. McCornack; G. T., W. K. Herrick; Chaplain, J. E. Kennedy; Guard, D. F. Biggs.

With best wishes to all members of Kappa Sigma,

Yours fraternally,

FEBRUARY 18th, 1898.

O. H. MCCORNACK.

ALPHA-PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB.

Bros. Price and Jenkins have left Lincoln. Bro. Price has returned to Albion, Neb., to become Assistant Cashier of the bank of that city. Bro. Jenkins went to Denver to attend the School of Mines, but he sorely repined the comradeship of Kappa Sigma, and longed for a return to the social delights into which he had been introduced through Alpha-Psi. He has, therefore, decided to return to his *cara mater* and his brothers in Kappa Sigma.

Bro. C. C. Culver, formerly Secretary of the Denver Packing Co., is a guest at the Kappa Sigma Chapter-house.

Assuming, as we have, the obligation of paying within the year the whole debt incurred in furnishing our new Chapter-house, we have found ourselves necked in a yoke that

sometimes pinches a little. Trusting, however, to success in the years to come equal to that of the one past, we are confident of clearing away all financial obstacles to the future peace of mind and general welfare of Alphi-Psi.

On the night of February 13th our Chapter was just one year old. On the evening of the 12th we celebrated our birthday with a banquet. Good things—for much of which we owe thanks to sister Greeks and our thoughtful friends—good cheer, and a pleasing flow of wit were prominent features of the occasion. It was at a late hour that the convivial company reluctantly dissolved, yet with the determination of making the next 13th of February as memorable an occasion.

Yours in the bonds of Kappa Sigma,

G. E. TOWL.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1898.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.

After a long and trying siege of examinations your correspondent has very little to say, having exhausted all of his mental powers on them.

At this writing all of our brothers have come up aright, and we are holding our own with the rest of the Greeks at William Jewell. Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS we have not taken in any new men, as the field has been worked pretty thoroughly, but we are keeping our eyes open constantly. The "Entre Nous Club," of this place, recently gave a dramatic entertainment under the management of Lawrence A. McCarty, a famous actor of St. Louis. Four of our members took part. Bros. Bruce and Scott played the two leading characters, and received the praise of all the critics. The same actor will soon put on "Macbeth," in which five of Alpha-Omega's men will take part.

The base-ball team has been organized, and began training in the gymnasium preparatory to field work. The prospect is that we will have the best team in the history of base-ball in William Jewell. At least two of Alpha-Omega's men will hold positions on the team.

One of our pledged men, Mr. B. R. Bishop, has composed a "two-step" of considerable merit, which will be dedicated to Alpha-Omega Chapter.

Yours in the bonds,

J. W. SYDNOR.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1898.

BETA-ALPHA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

As this is our first month in the Fraternity world we haven't very much progress to report. But we cordially greet all of our elder brothers in Kappa Sigma, and sincerely intend never to be unworthy of the trust reposed in us. We desire to thank all the Chapters and brothers who so kindly sent us greetings and words of encouragement. We feel that there is a very promising field here in Brown, for some of the brightest men are not members of any Fraternity. In fact, only about 50 per cent. of the students are Fraternity men. We intend that the very best shall hereafter come into Kappa Sigma. The Fraternities having Chapters here, with the dates of their establishment, are as follows:

Alpha Delta Phi, 1836; Delta Phi, 1838; Psi Upsilon, 1840; Beta Theta Pi, 1847; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1850; Zeta Psi, 1852; Theta Delta Chi, 1853; Delta Upsilon, 1868; Chi Phi, 1872; Phi Delta Theta, 1889; Alpha Tau Omega, 1894; Delta Tau Delta, 1896; Kappa Sigma, 1898.

Fraternally yours,

DANIEL O. WEBSTER.

FEBRUARY 28th, 1898.

PERSONALS.

EPSILON.

Bro. J. H. Wall, who has been attending medical school at Memphis, has returned home to Jackson for the purpose of practicing with his father during vacation. We are surely glad to have Bro. Wall with us again.

Bro. Andy S. Tomb has established quite a reputation as a pharmacist lately. He owns quite a neat store on the corner of Main and Charter Streets. We predict a bright future for him. He is a great help to Epsilon.

GAY-CANNON.—A few days ago we received an invitation from Bro. Andrew H. Gay, in which is announced his marriage to Miss Irene Cannon, of Galveston, Texas, which takes place on February 17th. Bro. Gay is an old graduate of Centenary: also of Tulane Law Department, and Major on the Governor's Staff. We assure Bro. Gay that his old Chapter takes a great interest in him and heartily congratulates him.

GAYDEN-KELLER.—At the bride's home, near Jackson, on November 26th, 1897, Bro. George Gayden was married to Miss Irene Keller. The bride is the beautiful sister of Bros. George and Fayette Keller, and a great admirer of the Star and Crescent. Bro. Gayden is quite a successful planter. We give him hearty congratulations.

SINGLETON-THIERCE.—At Arcadia, La., November 26th, 1897, Bro. Hampton R. Singleton was married to Miss Hattie Thierce, an accomplished young lady of that place. Bro. Singleton is now a promising preacher in the Missouri Conference. We congratulate Bro. Singleton.

IOTA.

On January 4th last, Bro. 'Otis Truelove was united in marriage with Miss Jamie Lumpkin, of Meridian, Texas, The newly-wedded couple will reside in Cleburne, Texas, where the groom is engaged in the practice of law.

Bro. Samuel B. Thomas, A. M., of '89, is now a member of the law firm of Kene, Ker & Thomas, 132 Nassau Street, New York.

Bro. J. B. Gibbs, one of Iota's charter members, is a successful banker of Kosse, Texas.

Bro. F. S. Onderdonk is now a missionary at San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Bro. W. F. Bryan, A. M., of '95, is now a member of the North Texas Conference, M. E. Church South, and stationed at Lannius, Texas.

XI.

At a recent date Bro. M. F. Treadwell, of Pine Bluff, Ark., was married to Miss Maggie Loutham, a charming and talented young lady of Cripple Creek, Colo. The wedding took place at the home of the bride. Xi wishes to extend her sincere congratulations to the newly-wedded couple, and expresses the hope that their future life may be one of undisturbed happiness.

ALPHA-THETA.

Bro. W. W. Horner has gone into evangelistic work, and expects to make Texas his field.

Bro. John T. Norment has gone into Y. M. C. A. work at Mobile.

Bro. Lyle H. Buck has gone into the commission business at Memphis.

Bro. George Caryl King is pursuing his course at the Cincinnati School of Technology.

Bro. Hal H. White is attending medical lectures at Louisville.

Bro. James R. Magill visited Mardi Gras at Mobile.

Bro. Claude Cox is with the Worrell Printing Company.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

The next convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon will be held at Detroit, Mich.

Sigma Nu is reported to have established a Chapter at Northwestern University.

Beta Theta Pi has purchased a fine house at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.—*The Rainbow*.

At the last convention of Delta Delta Delta the word "sorosis" was discarded and "Fraternity" adopted in its stead.

Alpha Tau Omega has entered the University of Texas with four men. This is the tenth Fraternity chartered at that institution.—*The Rainbow*.

Beta Theta Pi mourns the death of her illustrious founder, Hon. John Reily Knox, who died at Greenville, O., on February 7th, 1898.

The Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Leland Stanford University, having become inactive from indifference and internal dissensions, the charter has been withdrawn.

Albert J. Beveridge, the Indianapolis lawyer who made such a great reputation by his oration in New York on Lincoln's birthday, is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

It is reported that local societies are applying for charters to Zeta Psi at Nebraska to Delta Upsilon at Illinois and Chicago, to Alpha Delta Phi at Wisconsin and Stanford.—*Western College Magazine*.

Theta Delta Psi is a new sorority at Bucknell, with a shield-shaped badge. Somehow Theta Delta Chi gets it on all sides. Here the girls take as much of the name as possible and the shield bodily.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield*.

The last Convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon looked with favor upon an application from Tulane University, and the probabilities are that the Fraternity will establish a Chapter at that institution in due time.

Delta Kappa Epsilon has embarked upon a new venture. Under the direction of the Fraternity officers there are being manufactured Delta Kappa Epsilon rugs, on which the coat of arms and the pin of the Fraternity are reproduced.—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

Kappa Kappa Gamma offers one prize for the best contribution to the *Key*, and another for the best Chapter letter appearing in the magazine during the year. Each year the *Key* issues a calendar in the Fraternity colors, light and dark blue.—*Western College Magazine*.

Delta Tau Delta has further increased her membership in California by the establishment of a Chapter at the State University with fourteen charter members. The petition has been receiving attention for a year, and had the indorsement of the Stanford Chapter of the Fraternity.

A colored girl recently spent four years at Vassar College without the students' or authorities' knowledge of her race. Anita Hemmings is, it appears, a very light mulatto, and no one ever thought of questioning her racial origin. She is now employed in the Boston Library.

College-bred men in the United States number only one-fifth of one per cent., or one in 500 of the whole population. They have furnished 30 per cent. of our Congressmen, 50 per cent. of our Senators, 60 per cent. of our Presidents, and over 70 per cent. of our Supreme Court Judges.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The Phi Kappa Sigma at one time held a strong position in the Fraternity affairs of Columbia College, and during the ante-bellum existence of this Chapter many prominent New

Yorkers were enrolled as members. A movement is now said to be on foot to re-establish the Fraternity in Columbia.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Conservative old Kappa Alpha (Northern), with her historic past and honorable traditions, has joined the ranks of Fraternity pirates. A member of Theta Delta Chi at Williams College has been duly and impressively "lifted" by the Kappa Alpha Chapter at that place. Still this is but another instance of how the "mighty have fallen."

It seems that the report of the death of the Sigma Nu Chapter at Lehigh University was a mistaken one. The Editor of THE CADUCEUS has received information that this Chapter is not only active, but in a flourishing condition. It is to be regretted that several Fraternity magazines, among them THE CADUCEUS, gave publicity to the unfortunate and erroneous report.

The University of Virginia is probably the only institution of learning in the country that has never had a President, that office being filled by one of its professors, chosen by the Faculty from year to year. A majority of the Alumni, however, now favor the establishment of the office of President, and it is rumored that ex-President Cleveland will be tendered the newly-created position.—*The Lafayette*.

An interesting point in the development of college life in great co-educational institutions is marked by the erection of a fineclub-house for the Women's League of the University of Michigan. Women have been admitted to the University for twenty-six years, and now number 600. When completed the club-house will contain, besides the gymnasium proper, with its running track, swimming pool and baths, spacious parlors, a rest-room, committee-room, and small library, while the corner of the basement is to be fitted up for a kitchen. On the third floor there will be an auditorium

seating 700, and fitted up with stage for plays, lectures, and other entertainments.—*Public Opinion*.

The rapid increase of women in the undergraduate departments of the University of Chicago is noteworthy. At present there are 52 per cent. men and 48 per cent. women among the undergraduates. The percentage of women in the colleges during the first two years of the University was about 30 per cent. At the present rate of increase the women will drive out the men within a few years. President Harper recommends the establishment of a college located in some central place in Chicago for the collegiate education of the public school teachers of that city. Only a small percentage of these teachers have had the benefits of the higher education, and as their tenure is a permanent arrangement, the profit of such an institution to the public is obvious.—*The Trident*.

Fifty years ago a man usually wore his Fraternity pin in his cravat. As time wore on the pin advanced to the lapel of the coat, then Fraternity conservatism dictated that it was ill-mannered to display it upon any place but the waistcoat. The best authorities upon the subject recognize that it is only proper to wear the pin as near the heart as possible. But at Yale several of the local societies make a specialty of wearing their pins, which are small, in their cravats. A queer thing with the Shaf societies, of Yale, is the calling the name of a fraternity by its house instead of the Greek letter. The Delta Phis are usually called St. Elmo men; those of Delta Psi, the Tea Company; the house the Chi Phis rented was located on York Street, and their men in consequence are spoken of as members of York Hall; Theta Xi rents the house No. 43 College Street, and are dubbed by her rivals 43 College. A knowledge of these localisms is interesting to all Fraternity men, and shows at Yale that a Fraternity is recognized more by its habitation than its pin.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

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by the organization of professional schools in medicine, law, and theology. The third, beginning about the middle of this century, was characterized by the formation of scientific schools. The fourth, embracing the present period, has for its ideal the system upon which the English universities are now conducted, which includes continuous effort for the maintenance of the highest standard of professional learning and the development of the highest talent. It was during the second of these periods that the University of Maryland was organized, the idea of establishing such an institution originating with Dr. John Beale Davidge as early as the year 1796, and who was instrumental in interesting Dr. Nathaniel Potter in the enterprise.

Dr. Davidge began, about the year 1799, some private lectures, which were continued annually thereafter, and formed the nucleus of the present School of Medicine of the University of Maryland.

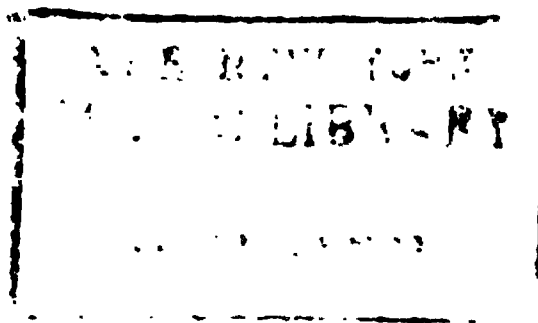
Several other prominent physicians associated themselves with Drs. Davidge and Potter, and in 1807 the course of instruction was extended. During this year the lectures were interrupted because of the popular prejudice against dissection, a mob having demolished a small anatomical building which Dr. Davidge had erected on the present site of the Hotel Rennert.

This violent demonstration had the effect of uniting the medical profession of the city in the effort to establish a medical school, and on December 18th, 1807, an Act founding a medical college in the city or precincts of Baltimore was passed by the Legislature of the State of Maryland. This original charter is still in force, and when it was granted Baltimore was the third city in size in the United States, having a population of 33,000, its growth from 1790 to 1810 far exceeding that of New York and Philadelphia.

The Board of Regents, at a meeting held December 18th, 1807, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of



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Maryland, elected the first medical faculty. The lectures of the first session were delivered to seven students, and in 1810 the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon five graduates. During the session of 1824-5 the matriculates numbered 320.

A lot on the northeast corner of Lombard and Greene Streets was subsequently purchased from Colonel John Eager Howard, and the erection of the present university building begun in May, 1812. It was built in imitation of the Pantheon at Rome, and at the period of its completion was the finest structure devoted to medical teaching in this country. Its anatomical theatre and chemical hall were described in the papers of that date as being as extensive and as appropriate as those of any European school. On the completion of this building the idea was first conceived of founding a university, and on December 29th, 1812, the Legislature of Maryland passed an Act authorizing the College of Medicine of Maryland to constitute, appoint, and annex to itself the three colleges of Faculties, viz.: "The Faculty of Divinity, the Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of the Arts and Sciences, and that the four Faculties, or colleges, thus united shall be, and they are hereby constituted a university, by the name and under the title of the University of Maryland." The first Faculty of Divinity consisted of the Rt. Rev. James Kemp, D. D., the Rev. James Inglis, D. D., the Rev. J. Daniel Kurtz, the Rev. George Roberts, and the Rev. John Glendy. The Rev. William E. Wyatt was appointed in 1819, and the last survivor of this Faculty was the Rev. J. G. Hamner, D. D. The Theological Department ceased to exist in 1878.

The Department of Law was organized in 1823, and its first Faculty consisted of Messrs. Daniel Hoffman, Robert Goodloe Harper, John Purviance, Robert Smith, Nicholas Brice, and Nathaniel Williams.

The first Faculty of Arts consisted of such eminent

scholars as Charles W. Hanson, the Rev. John Allen, John E. Hall, the Rev. Archibald Walker, John D. Craig, Samuel Brown, and Henry Wilkins, M. D. The Department of Arts and Sciences became extinct about the year 1865.

The first Provost of the University was the Hon. Robert Smith, who had occupied the position of Secretary of State of the United States. The second Provost of the University, the Rt. Rev. James Kemp, D. D., conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. upon Lafayette in the University building October 9th, 1824, during the last visit of that illustrious Frenchman to the United States. The diploma was inclosed in a handsome silver box. This was the first instance of the conferring of the degree.

In 1820 the Museum of the Medical Department in Practice Hall, a large building adjoining the University building, received through Dr. Granville Sharp Pattison, of Scotland, who occupied the Chair of Surgery, the anatomical collection of the celebrated Scotch anatomist, Allen Burns, which in variety, excellence, and number was superior to any other in this country.

The first dental lectures in America were delivered in the University of Maryland in 1837 by Dr. Horace H. Hayden. Following the example of Harvard, Pennsylvania, and other universities, in 1882, under the authority of an Act of the Legislature of Maryland, a new department was established under the name of "The University of Maryland Dental Department." The first Faculty of Dentistry included among its brilliant men Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, Æ. M., M. D., D. D. S., who has written an admirable history of the University of Maryland, from which these historical facts are almost bodily transcribed.

It remains to add a few words concerning the standing of the University in the educational world. The University of Maryland has never pretended to be anything more than a professional school, but in that class of institutions it may



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well claim to rank among the best. The first Professor of Law in the school, Daniel Hoffman, Esq., was a man of the greatest learning, and his two works, *Legal Outlines* and *Course of Legal Study*, are referred to as text writings of the highest authority by Chancellor Kent in his *Commentaries*. Judge Story in later years spoke of Hoffman as one of the greatest legal writers that this country has produced, and in several passages quoted from the works of our first lecturer. Among the prominent men who have been members of the Faculties and Boards of Instruction of the University of Maryland are the Hon. John P. Kennedy, orator, jurist, statesman, and author; the Hon. Roger B. Taney, afterward Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court; General John H. B. Latrobe, and that talented and brilliant lawyer, the Hon. Severn Teackle Wallis. The present Faculties include the most prominent men in the medical, dental, and legal professions that the State affords, and, surely, Maryland has never shown a dearth of brilliance in the professions.

In its equipment for individual research and reference it also affords unusual advantages. A new laboratory and hospital building, which will compare favorably with any in the country, has been erected, and thus there is offered to students and graduates a thorough course of combined didactic, clinical, and laboratory instruction. There are medical and law libraries at the University, containing over 5,000 valuable reference works, while in the city are libraries containing in the aggregate 500,000 volumes, which may be used by the student without charge.

During the ninety-one years of the University's existence there have been nearly 6,000 graduates of the three departments, while to-day there are 700 students on the rolls. Some of the brightest names in the annals of medicine, dentistry, and law are those of graduates of the University of Maryland. The highest standard of professional learning has always been the aim at Maryland, and this one end aimed

at by the students has hindered the growth of university feeling. Almost all the Fraternities at one time or another have had Chapters at the University of Maryland, but the soil not being suited to the propagation of such a plant, the organizations have with but one or two exceptions withered and died. Within recent years the conditions have undergone a change. With the advent of men fresh from the collegiate departments of the great educational institutions in the North and South, there came a desire to cultivate those accomplishments which characterize the scholar and the gentleman as distinguished from the learned boor. Recognizing in the Fraternities an invaluable aid in bringing forth the true gentleman, there has been a revival of Fraternity life among the students at Maryland. After a thorough investigation of the petitioners, the Supreme Executive Committee of Kappa Sigma have deemed it advisable to grant a charter to the University of Maryland. Under this we are now working, and as our daily experience with the great principles and doctrines of Kappa Sigma broadens our view of life, we are the more firmly convinced that it is "a good thing" to be a link in the union-encircling chain of brothers. Our brothers in the uttermost parts of the "land of the free and the home of the brave" may be assured that we feel the responsibility resting upon us, and that the Alpha-Alpha Chapter at its quiet home in the Monumental City is securing for Kappa Sigma only the most worthy of the sons of Maryland.

WILLIAM MILNES MALLOY.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Since the Kappa Sigma Fraternity has raised its standards in the capital city of the Old Dominion, it may be of interest to the brotherhood to have some account of the institution of learning in which Beta-Beta Chapter has its home.



RICHMOND COLLEGE LIBRARY
(Exterior View)

Nearly all of our institutions of higher education started from very small beginnings. It was so with Richmond College. In 1832 the Baptists of Virginia opened a school called the "Virginia Baptist Seminary," with fourteen students, taught by Dr. Robert Ryland. Within a few years the number of students had increased to about seventy-five, other instructors were added, and in 1840 the name was changed to Richmond College, the Virginia Assembly granting the charter on March 4th of that year.

Dr. Robert Ryland, who had been in charge of the Seminary from its inception, was chosen President of the College, and remained at its head till the suspension in 1861, caused by the breaking out of the war. His distinguished characterization was "simple-hearted candor, straightforward honesty," and those who knew him well are not surprised to see in the catalogues of those early days the following statement: "The Trustees propose to conduct the college classes only so far as their resources may justify, taking care to have the students thoroughly taught as far as they shall go. It is not their purpose to confer degrees till they shall have afforded facilities for education equal to those of other chartered institutions." In fact, none were awarded until 1849, when the degree of B. A. was conferred on two young men. One of these is Dr. P. S. Henson, a distinguished minister in Chicago, and the other is Mr. Josiah Ryland, a prominent business man in Richmond. The College made substantial progress from this time on till 1861. The largest enrollment of students in any one session up to that time was 161, and the endowment had reached about \$75,000 in invested funds. But during the next four years almost everything in the way of endowment, library, and scientific apparatus was swept away, and there were some of the most promising Alumni "against whose names the fatal asterisk of death was set."

In 1866 the College was reorganized with little more than the spacious campus and a few badly defaced buildings

But since that time it has steadily grown in strength and influence as well as in numbers. It now has an enrollment of 262 students, representing eighteen States, a Faculty of sixteen professors and instructors (not including the instructors in physical culture), a beautiful campus in the most desirable as well as the most valuable part of Richmond, which, with its buildings, constitute a real estate worth nearly half a million of dollars, and about \$300,000 of invested funds. The College is denominational, having been founded by the Baptists, and for the most part endowed by members of that denomination, but it is singularly free from anything like sectarianism. Students of every creed and no creed have been, and always will be, received on the same terms and treated with equal consideration. So far as the writer knows there never has been a time in the history of the College when there were not members of other denominations who held prominent positions in the Faculty.

Instruction is offered in the departments of Latin, Greek, French and German, English, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry and Geology, Philosophy, History, English Bible, Expression, and the Professional School of Law.

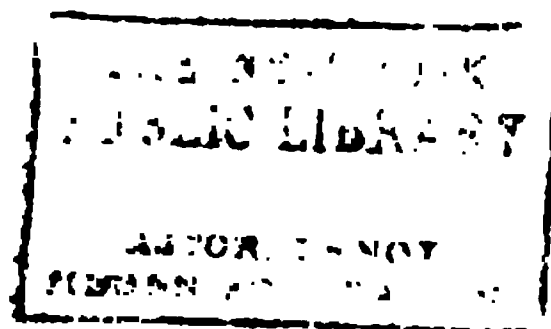
The College was a pioneer in placing the English language on its proper plane as of equal dignity with the classics and modern foreign languages, or, to quote from a historical sketch (1884), "Richmond College claims to have led all the colleges of the land (except possibly one, of which we are in doubt) in doing appropriate honor to our peerless mother tongue."

As far back as 1849 the College abolished the curriculum and substituted for it the elective system which had long been in successful operation at the University of Virginia. This plan undoubtedly lessens the number, but probably increases the value of the degrees conferred.

The Alumni of Richmond College are widely scattered.



RICHMOND COLLEGE LIBRARY
(Interior View).



They are known to be in more than thirty of the States of the Union (there are perhaps representatives in every State), and some are fulfilling their mission in other lands. In looking over the list I find nine editors, fifteen civil engineers, twenty-seven professors in colleges, and sixty-nine teachers in other schools, forty-five physicians (of whom seven are professors in medical colleges), 149 ministers, 150 lawyers, besides a number of bankers, merchants, farmers, etc. If a man from a distant State is visiting Richmond College, and is invited to address the students, he usually begins by saying that he knows several of our Alumni who have made their homes in his State. Virginians in general, and Richmond College men in particular, generally contrive in some way to make known the fact that they had, if not their physical, at least their intellectual birth in the Old Dominion.

But much as the Fraternity may be interested in our elder brothers—the Alumni—they are probably more interested in the present body of students—those who are to be the future Alumni. The enrollment this session is 262. Of course Virginia furnished the great majority of these, but a goodly number come from other States. South Carolina leads with fifteen, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and more than a dozen other States send one or more each. Many of these are young men who come from homes of refinement, and whose ancestors have for generations been distinguished not only for culture but for nobility of character. There is, therefore, an *esprit de corps* among the students, which forms one of the most striking characteristics of college life. There are scores of young men here whose high ideals of life, whose love of truth and scorn of everything that is low or mean, make them the very best types of American manhood—excellent material for Fraternity men—and it is some of this class of men whom we hope from time to time to introduce to the brotherhood of Kappa Sigma.

The prospects of the College are in every way encour-

aging. President Boatwright—young, energetic, gifted, progressive—is devoting all of his energies to the problem of advancing the interests, extending the patronage, and increasing the usefulness, efficiency, and influence of his *Alma Mater*. Extensive plans are making for increasing our dormitory accommodations, and for the erection and equipment of more modern and commodious scientific laboratories. With her splendid location, her growing endowment, her rapidly increasing patronage, her progressive Faculty, and her host of loyal Alumni, Richmond College is destined to occupy an important place and play a conspicuous part in the education of the South.

THE FOUNDING OF BETA-GAMMA.

Every reader of THE CADUCEUS will be glad to learn of the establishment of a branch of our Fraternity at the Missouri State University. To the members of Xi, Alpha-Psi, and Alpha-Omega the news of this fruition of a long-cherished hope will be especially gratifying. The founding of Beta-Gamma was brought about by that slow but sure process characteristic of the present administration of our internal machinery. And now, familiar as I am with the personnel of the new Chapter, I can see in it a perpetual tribute at once to the wisdom and the official zeal of the Supreme Executive Committee.

For a long time the destiny of the prospective Chapter hung on a slender thread. Arduous difficulties were met, and there were times “when hope deferred was sickness to the heart.” But at length perseverance and conservatism won out. The necessary local work was thoroughly carried on under the leadership of Mr. D. Otto Row, a member of the local Fraternity which became Kappa Sigma at William Jewell College. This gentleman all the while re-

ceived due encouragement from his personal friends of Alpha-Omega, and from Bro. Herbert M. Martin and others. The little band at Columbia steadily increased by accretion, and at the proper time a petition was drawn up and forwarded to the S. E. C., accompanied with sundry exhibits showing the prominence of the institution and the high standing of the petitioners. After due consideration the charter was granted.

The writer, meanwhile, had been notified to be ready to "proceed at a moment's notice," as the war bulletins read. Accordingly, on April 13th, when the nation's atmosphere was rife with war and rumors of war, I left the "City of Roses" for the University of Missouri, bearing the Star and Crescent on its mission of peace.

At St. Louis Bros. B. S. Green, Omega, and A. J. Myar, Xi, joined me, and we reached our destination in ample time to arrange for the installation, which took place Saturday, April 16th.

The other Greeks at Columbia were very cordial and generous in their treatment of Kappa Sigma, and the new Chapter received a welcome well calculated to insure a continuation of those amicable inter-Fraternity relations which now undoubtedly exist. Two of the leading Fraternities were good enough to tender the use of their magnificently furnished apartments for the occasion of the installation. The offer of Phi Delta Theta was accepted, and that of Sigma-Chi was none the less appreciated.

It was a late hour when the gate of the city of letters was closed, and ten true and lawful Kappa Sigmas had been added to our roll. But it was not too late for an exemplification of that *bonhomie* and good fellowship which is a distinguishing trait of the Fraternity man. To make use of a somewhat trite but expressive phrase, we next proceeded to "satisfy the demands of the inner man." Judicious forethought had admirably provided for this requirement, and when we repaired, a band of brothers, to the Columbia Café,

the toothsome viands and tasty decorations spread out before our view seemed the most appropriate culmination of the day's work along the Strado San Donato. The neophytes were filled with the fervor of a new-found fellowship, and the visitors, with that unbounded enthusiasm naturally attending the capture, upon the high sea of College life, of such a rich prize as Beta-Gamma.

GEORGE VAUGHAN.

THE ST. LOUIS ALUMNI.

Several weeks ago one of the enthusiastic Kappa Sigma brothers now living in St. Louis approached a number of the brothers with the idea of the formation of an Alumni Association. It had been received with great favor, and when on April 15th Bro. George Vaughan came to St. Louis on his way to the installation of the new Chapter at the Missouri State University, it was determined to gather the boys together for an initial meeting and give our genial Catalogue Editor an evening's entertainment in true Fraternity style.

This determination came to full fruition in the form of a reception and dinner at the Elks' Club on Tuesday evening, April 19th. Owing to the brief notice the group of Alumni was not as large as it might otherwise have been, but about a dozen of us, imbued with the old spirit, gathered to meet the guests.

With Bro. Vaughan were Bros. A. J. Myar, Xi, and B. S. J. Green, Omega, who had been with him at the Chapter installation at Columbia. The enthusiasm of these brothers seemed to rejuvenate the spirit in all of us, and many delightful associations were recalled. The evening was thus passed in the pleasantest manner, and was far from a banquet of viands only—it was in truth a feast of intellect and heart as well. Bro. R. T. Brownrigg acted as *frater major* of the evening.

The result of this gathering was a temporary organization of the St. Louis Alumni, with R. T. Brownrigg as Chairman, and the writer as Secretary. From this modest beginning we are confident will spring forth an Alumni Association as strong and enthusiastic as any in this broad land. There are many Kappa Sigmas in St. Louis, and it is believed that every one will give his active aid to the praiseworthy end to be accomplished. At the proper time the Fraternity will hear of our success.

W. H. LIGHTY.

CHIHUAHUA (MEXICO) ALUMNI CHAPTER.

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you the organization of an Alumni Chapter of our beloved Fraternity here in Mexico, and I apprehend it is the first College Fraternity Alumni Association to be found in the Republic of Mexico.

Our officers consist of: Adolph M. Krakauer, Alpha-Epsilon, President; Elbert F. Norton, Chi, Vice-President; Charles A. Mason, Psi, Treasurer; George B. Sloan, Chi, Secretary.

While as yet we are not strong in numbers, we are loyal to the Star and Crescent, and hope ere long to welcome another brother to this, our adopted home. We have very little in common with the country in which we live beyond living, moving, and having our being in it, and therefore it is the more comforting to feel that even here in a foreign land we have true friends and brothers in Kappa Sigma. We hope ere long to be able to send a photograph of our Alumni Chapter, but at the present writing we have not been able to secure one.

With greetings and best wishes for our brothers everywhere, we remain,

Yours in the bonds of Kappa Sigma,

APRIL 19th, 1898.

GEORGE B. SLOAN.



WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?—During the few short months which now intervene before Commencement days, the minds of two hundred odd Fijis scattered over the United States from one end of the country to the other, are naturally turning to a contemplation of the end and aim of the years of preparation put in at school and College. The average Senior is contemplating the problem of life as it presents itself to him, possibly for the first time as a serious matter. Heretofore his days have been all halcyon; his path has been paved with the love, help, and encouragement of his family and his friends. Thus far the aim of life with him has been to get an education, have a good time, and live in the friendships which his Fraternity and his College offered him.

To many a man, doubtless, the problem of ways and means has been a serious one during these years, and we are proud to believe that many a Fiji has fought out the financial problem of his education unaided by others. To him the world has come in its sterner aspects earlier than to others, and while he may have lost somewhat by the strenuousness of circumstances, he has doubtless grown to fuller proportions than he otherwise would have done had life been eased for him by others.

But to all life now stands forth as a serious matter. Each individual now comes face to face with the problem of his own destiny. What will he do with it? And however long

a man may live no question will be presented for his solution which compares in its momentous consequences with this. It means the justification, not only of the hopes of his family and his friends, but of his very being. What has preceded is merely preparatory to the years which follow.

And while we appreciate the advice from older heads as more or less gratuitous, and that the responsibility cannot be shifted and assumed for another, still the experience of every young man has been that at some time or other he has been helped over his obstacles by the results of other men's experience.

And probably the most troublesome question which presents itself at this period of a man's career is as to the choice of his work. And two dangers are ever imminent in this matter. Many men with whom the conviction is that life is under a special dispensation of Providence, look upon their life-work as a matter to be settled aside from their own volition; that a call, an inspiration, or a divine afflatus will come from within to direct their paths in the line of their destined activity; that their own judgment is to be kept in subordination, and that they should wait patiently to be called to their life-work. Without meaning to reflect upon the convictions of many men to whom such a call has come, we do feel convinced that to most men no such inspiration comes. To the great body of mankind the determination of this question is a mere matter of the will. The great English jurist, James Fitzjames Stevens, when he came to leave Cambridge, felt discouraged and disconsolate at the result of his collegiate experience. He had failed to justify the high hopes of his friends and himself. Thereupon he took up the determination of his career in a very utilitarian way. He weighed his characteristics and his fitness for the law and the ministry. He checked off upon paper his powers and possibilities of success in the several works of life for which he had been prepared. In other words, he looked upon the determination of his life-

work as a problem to be determined by evidence—by internal evidence, it is true—but based upon the qualifications of which he felt himself possessed. And after days of deep reflection he determined upon the law, and became one of England's greatest jurists. And he became such largely by an exercise of the will. He felt no peculiar aptitude for any one of several professions; in fact, his work as a journalist and as an author lives rather than his work as a lawyer. And what was true of Stevens is equally true of most of us. Our careers are what we make of them, and we make of them in large measure what we will.

The experience of Stevens is exemplified by the experience of most of the men whom we see about us. Many of them have been rolling stones for some years after leaving College, waiting as it were for an inspiration, for a call from without themselves to determine their career.

The principal thing, therefore, is to arrive at a determination as to the line of one's work; and then, with that as a lode star, press on to its achievement.

Another danger besetting men on leaving College is that of drifting. Mere inertia leads one to follow the line of least resistance. We accept what is at hand, or the first thing which presents itself, and in too many instances these first steps determine one's future career. Whatever you do, do not drift. It is far better to make a failure of your work voluntarily chosen and persisted in, than to achieve a tolerable success at the hands of destiny and drift through life as a piece of flotsam and jetsam. It is nobler to carve out one's career and confront nature in a sturdy way, demanding return from her as it were your due, than to be a piece of driftwood in the hands of fate.

And all of this brings us around to where we started, which is, that a man should be the architect of his own fortunes; that he should be master of the situation; should determine upon what he wants to do, and do it.

Advice as to the choice of work is of necessity gratuitous. And yet many men are as fitted for one business or profession as another. And this is no disparagement of their talents, either. And whatever one does, upon whatever profession one launches himself, he should seek the best preparation possible. If he is led into scholastic pursuits he can ill afford to begin his career, or at least feel satisfied with his beginning, until he has spent from two to five years doing graduate work in Germany or France, at Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Columbia, or Chicago. The recent developments of the last-named Universities have brought opportunities for advanced work to the very doors of Americans, so that it has ceased to be necessary to cross the sea to get in touch with the best modern thought.

And the same is true of the professions of law, medicine or journalism. One cannot be too well prepared. And the sacrifices one may make in preparation at professional schools or doing graduate work will be amply repaid, both in satisfaction and by pecuniary return. The world is now demanding specialists, and is willing to pay for them, and a man cannot become a specialist without years of training in professional schools.

In all of our large cities at the present day the profession of journalism offers a field for a well equipped man heretofore unparalleled. The man who is thoroughly versed in public and international law, economics, finance, and political science generally can find a market for his services, and if he possess the other necessary qualifications may feel assured of pretty certain advancement. The same preparation doubly qualifies a man to meet the competition of the day in the profession of law. And the man is but ill equipped for work in medicine who has not received a preparatory training in biology, physiology, pathology, and embryology. Within ten years it may be said America has advanced many stadia in educational matters, and of the professional men of to-day

there is demanded a degree of proficiency and a thoroughness of preparation ten years ago unthought of.

And all these opportunities are open to the man who is but willing to make the necessary sacrifice to obtain them. There is no man so poor but that with determination he can devote as many years to collegiate preparation as he will. But it requires sturdy manliness, energy, and a determination to achieve it.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

SQUARE UP.—Before the rush of Commencement comes there are two or three important matters that should claim the attention of every Chapter. We take it for granted that the publication in this issue of the names of those delinquent with historian's reports will result in this matter being cleared up at once. The numbers of circular letters received is now considerably above what it was last year, and we shall expect to hear from most of the remaining Chapters during April and May. The Chapter's finances, however, must be looked after immediately. All local bills which fall due between now and October 1st should be provided for this month, and a receipt in full secured from the Treasurer of the General Council. It is so well known to every College man that collections can scarcely ever be made the last few weeks of the College year, or from men who have left College, that we wonder why we repeat it here, but Chapters and their treasurers go on making this mistake from year to year, none the less. Be businesslike. Save yourselves trouble and expense next fall, for you who return will have to settle every one of these accounts. Now is the best time to do it.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

THE AIM OF A FRATERNITY.—“The aim of a Fraternity”—what can I say? So much has been written on the subject that to consider the matter from a new point of view is hardly possible. The fundamental principle of every Frater-

nity is fellowship. Those friendships which are naturally formed among college students are strengthened and deepened by common interests and close association. Fellowship in a Greek-letter society should mean not only congenial companionship and social intercourse, but also mutual helpfulness. The intimate association of a number of people has no small effect in molding the character of the individual, who, when he is a student, is supposed to be in a more or less plastic state. The spoiled darling learns to yield her will to the wishes of others. The shy girl gradually forgets her timidity. The over-impulsive girl learns to check her hastiness, and, in a word, the rough corners are polished off by the close intercourse of Fraternity life, so that the Senior graduates with a training in manners which is quite as thorough as the mental discipline of her studies.

So potent is the influence of the Fraternity upon the individual that every Chapter has its type. It is natural for the new members to be guided by those who have been longer in the bonds, and I think that the active Chapter as a whole usually owes much to its Alumnæ.

The object of combining the advantages of a social club with mutual improvement cannot but be a somewhat selfish and exclusive one, though these evils may be greatly lessened by the conduct of Fraternity members. May the aim of Delta Delta Delta be not only to benefit its own circle, but also by the cordiality and broadmindedness of its daughters, to extend its influence for good throughout the College world.
—*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.*



THE Editor desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to Bro. W. W. Shattuck for the design which appears at the head of the editorial page. The Fraternity has on many occasions been the recipient of artistic design work from Bro. Shattuck, all of which has served some useful purpose, and his commendable interest in the Fraternity furnishes an example worthy for all Alumni to follow.

ELSEWHERE in this issue of THE CADUCEUS will be found a letter announcing the formation of an Alumni Association of Kappa Sigma in Chihuahua, Mexico. The list of members, of course, is not large, but the spirit of fraternity is strong with the new organization, and its existence is a lesson to the young members of Kappa Sigma, showing to them, as it does, the true fraternal feeling which exists among the members of the Fraternity, no matter where or in what circumstances they may be found.

THE Supreme Executive Committee has been extremely active in the last few months, and has granted charters to four new bodies of petitioners. The sound judgment of our governing body has never yet been found wanting, and the Fraternity is therefore entitled to feel that the recent addi-

tions to its roll were made only after a complete belief, justified by investigation, that conditions favorable to healthy extension existed in each case. The new Chapters are located at the University of Maryland, University of Missouri, Richmond College, and Washington and Jefferson College. To each of them THE CADUCEUS wishes years of success.


It is yet some months to the time of the next Conclave, but Fraternity sentiment seems to be crystallizing in favor of Chattanooga, Tenn., as the place in which our next biennial gathering shall take place. From interviews the Editor has had with prominent Alumni, he has been convinced that the reasons advanced by the advocates of Chattanooga are strong and weighty, but at the same time it is important that the views of all the Chapters be heard before the Supreme Executive Committee reaches a final decision in the matter. This decision must necessarily be reached in a short time, and it is therefore earnestly desired that every Chapter will let their position be known. One of the main points that has been advanced in favor of Chattanooga is that it is very near the geographical centre of our Chapters.

JULIUS C. TRAVIS, Worthy Grand Master, recently made a tour of inspection of some of the southern and southeastern Chapters of the Fraternity, and his report of the activity and progress in Kappa Sigma is gratifying in the extreme. He found every Chapter living in the most complete harmony within itself, taking in no men unless congenial to the fullest extent, and by reason of Chapter standing getting a full share of the very best men the colleges afford. Among them, he says, is a constantly increasing interest in the welfare of the Fraternity as a whole, a desire to see Kappa Sigma Chapters drawn together by a chord which

unites all to the same purposes and ends, and which responds to the lightest touch of a single individual member. To those brothers about to be graduated and leave the activity of Chapter life these observations of the official head of the Fraternity should be an incentive to the preservation of true Fraternity spirit in the many years to come, when as Alumni their Fraternity ties will be strong or weak as the recollections of their undergraduate days impress them. To those who have yet years within the Chapter halls, the knowledge of what the Chapters are to-day should be a stimulus to increased labor for Kappa Sigma in the future, so that our already strong ties may be forged even stronger.

THE Supreme Executive Committee has decided to withdraw the charter of Alpha-Iota Chapter at the U. S. Grant University, and on May 20th the Chapter will cease to exist. In view of the existing condition of the institution no other course was open to Kappa Sigma. For several years the College has been steadily declining, and the present year saw only forty-four students enrolled. It is plainly evident that from such a small body the selection of a Kappa Sigma Chapter equal to the standard demanded becomes an impossibility, and the withdrawal of the charter is the surest way to prevent inferior men from becoming united with Kappa Sigma. We are happy to state that the Worthy Grand Master, after a personal investigation of the Chapter, reported that the present members were worthy and loyal Kappa Sigmas, and he based his report favoring withdrawal upon the ground that the new students would not be up to our requirements, and the institution itself had fallen below College standards.

That the governing body of Kappa Sigma has acted wisely in this matter there can be no doubt. The Alumni of Alpha-Iota Chapter will realize this as truly as any mem-



bers of the Fraternity, and, in fact, several have advised the action. While it is regretted that another dead Chapter is added to our roll, yet it is far better than to maintain one under conditions which would simply tend to discredit our Fraternity.

SINCE the Editor assumed charge of THE CADUCEUS some years ago there have been periodical occasions when the shortcomings of some Fraternities have impelled him to inveigh against the evils of "lifting." Happily, however, the intervals between those occasions have been growing longer, and it was hoped that the pernicious practice of "Fraternity pirating" had entirely ceased, but recent developments have entirely dissipated that hope. According to reports in Fraternity magazines the year 1898 has already produced two or three cases of "lifting," in one of which the evidence certainly is conclusive against the offending Fraternity. We refer in this instance to the affair in which northern Kappa Alpha was the offender against Theta Delta Chi. The Phi Kappa Sigma Chapter at Northwestern University also, it seems, has no defense to make for its lifting of two members of Sigma Chi. The only solace for the true Fraternity man when he becomes informed that such practices still prevail in the Greek world is the knowledge that the best Fraternity sentiment is to-day vigorously against the course, and that from the Greek press it meets almost universal condemnation. The supposedly injured Fraternity never is in reality a loser by the crime of "lifting." The member or members taken from it are, by the very act in which they are implicated, proven unworthy to wear the badge of any respectable college organization, and the Fraternity which does the lifting is certainly a loser, for it not only gains undesirable members but it immeasurably lowers its position in the Greek world. It is not believed that any Chapter of Kappa Sigma

is so totally lacking in self-respect as to be guilty of a "lift" under any circumstances, but we have referred to the practice in order that every Kappa Sigma may know the views we hold in the matter.

THERE has been a tendency among college Faculties in recent years to exercise some authority over Fraternities, even in those institutions where Fraternities are not only permitted but favored. An instance of this Faculty supervision has just been brought to the attention of the Editor, and as it is not by any means the first time that Kappa Sigma, in common with other Fraternities, has been affected by Faculty action, it is conceived proper to fully define the position the Fraternity assumes in such matters. The instance referred to at this time is the action of the Faculty of Bucknell University in prohibiting all Fraternity initiations until the student's Sophomore year, and in addition he must have completed his work in the Freshman year. Before any man can be taken in by a Fraternity he must have a certificate to this effect from the President of the University. The Faculty furthermore prohibits any student from becoming pledged to a Fraternity before he is eligible to initiation, and absolutely prohibits the existence of any class Fraternities. To such regulations Kappa Sigma will fully and faithfully adhere. There is no discrimination against any general Fraternity, and the postponement of all initiations until the students have been at College for a full year gives assurance that the Fraternities can with more certainty select the best material. Under such regulations as the Bucknell Faculty has proscribed, Fraternity membership will surely be elevated, and Kappa Sigma wishes to announce to its Chapters that it expects faithful adherence to all such fair and impartial examples of Faculty supervision. Whenever the Fraternity is convinced that it is being unduly discriminated against by

the Faculty of any institution, it will combat such action by all the means within its power; otherwise it will as far as possible keep in touch and act in sympathy with College authorities to place Fraternity life upon a permanent plane of the highest character. A Fraternity which carelessly and without cause places itself in opposition to any reasonable College regulation does not deserve a place in the Greek world.

As THE close of the present College year approaches it becomes time to look to our prospects for the future. The Chapters have closed a period of activity that has redounded greatly to the benefit of the Fraternity, and in order that our present position may be maintained, there must be carefully matured plans for opening of the next College year. In every College there are men who have refrained from uniting with a Fraternity during their first year, and who are extremely desirable in every particular. To these men the Chapters should devote themselves; they afford opportunities for future Chapter growth more certain than the new men who will enter the colleges in the fall. The year has brought out their good qualities, and in selecting them for membership few mistakes will be made.

A second point vital to the future of a Chapter is to close the year with the finances in a good condition. Don't permit the obligations of a member to remain unsettled, and don't permit the Chapter to leave unpaid bills in the College town. There is nothing so discouraging to a Chapter as to be forced to start in a year with a burden of old debts, and with unpaid dues on the Chapter books.

Furthermore, if a Chapter has been planning for a Chapter-house, now is the season to mature those plans. Commencement time is always a period of stimulated enthusiasm with the Alumnus; his fidelity is then at high-water mark, and his purse is then open. When the house is ar-

ranged for in the summer a Chapter starts in the College year with many advantages, which each succeeding month will prove. The Chapter which waits until the fall to secure a house will be beset by many annoyances which will hamper it at a time when all its energy should be directed toward the attainment of a strong membership. All this is based on the assumption that every Chapter desires a house, and that several are with good reason looking forward to the occupancy of a private home during the next College year. The advantages to be derived from a Chapter-house have been so frequently and thoroughly exploited that it is entirely unnecessary to dwell upon them now. Suffice it to say that we wish every Chapter that can do so to make a determined effort to be nicely housed before the fall campaign.



The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta for March has an editorial, "A Permanent Bond," which treats of a neglected view of the relation toward a College created by Fraternity life. It cannot be quoted from, so we give it in full:

"In discussion as to the value of the Fraternities to the College and the Alumni, little or nothing is said regarding an item of marked import. We refer to the permanent and personal tie which the Chapter furnishes between the graduate and the institution. One's classmates graduate with one, and association with them is not localized so as to keep union with the College. The tie between members of literary societies is not strong enough to be lasting. The Editor was a very active member of a literary society in a university which at that time had no Fraternities; but not once in fourteen years has he ever received the slightest communication from that society. The Faculties, also, change, and after a few years deaths and removals take familiar figures from the teaching force of the College. Besides, students do not become intimate with the professors, especially in the larger institutions; even if intimacy were possible the professors have not time to keep up correspondence with the graduates. It thus happens that an Alumnus finds upon returning to his *Alma Mater* after a few years of absence, an absence of old bonds. New faces are in the chapel; new teachers are in the chairs; his classmates are widely scattered; the members

of his old literary society do not know whether he was a member of their organization or not. There remains one permanent bond between the Alumnus and his College, viz., his Fraternity. If the members of his Chapter know of his return they meet him at the station; they entertain him in their home or rooms; they gather about him eagerly at Commencement time to show him courtesies; they are delighted beyond measure if he can attend one of their meetings; sometimes he receives from them a report of the Chapter's progress. An aged graduate, now a professor in one of our Western colleges, told the members of a literary society who were engaging in a debate as to the wisdom of admitting secret societies into the College, about his return at one time to visit his Eastern *Alma Mater*. He had been gone many years. He found no one whom he knew. The Faculty was wholly changed; no one of his classmates was at hand; he saw no familiar face; he was oppressed with loneliness. But soon the actives of his Fraternity Chapter heard of his presence, gathered about cordially, took him to their Chapter-house and entertained him with royal care during his short visit. This white-haired Alumnus then knew that the permanent and personal bond between himself and his College was his Fraternity. This point is specially worthy of notice in any setting-forth of the benefits of Fraternity life."

The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* for March devotes a large amount of its space to the annual report of the Secretary and to announcements for its convention, but there is an article on "Class Societies at Cornell" which is extremely interesting. It is a plea against so legislating that members of Phi Kappa Psi cannot join class societies at Cornell. It is stated that oftentimes membership in these societies is not antagonistic to Chapter welfare, and is instead a positive benefit. We quote:

"This latter state of affairs exists at Cornell. Here we find in addition to T. N. E. one Junior and three Senior societies. The first named of these societies we will consider as out of the argument, as the Chapter has passed a by-law forbidding any member of Phi Kappa Psi to join it—not because it believes it antagonistic to general Fraternities, but because no benefit is to be derived from it, and the class of men taken in each year is not what it might be, the result of which seems to be that it exists for the sake of pure deviltry. The Junior society—known as Aleph Samach—is but a stepping-stone to the Senior societies, and will be passed over with the mere statement that nothing in its career has ever been antagonistic to the Fraternity system, and that it always has the seventeen most prominent men of the Junior Class on its roll. The three Senior societies—Sphinx Head and Quill and Dagger in the undergraduate courses, and Chancery in the Law School—occupy perhaps the same analogous position that Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi do. Each strives to secure the most prominent men in the outgoing Junior Class, and an election to one of them is a mark of merit for prominence in some particular branch of student activity. They help to foster a healthy class spirit—something that is lacking in institutions where the simple Fraternity system is in vogue, and they help to build up a genuine university spirit. They tend to break down the barriers formerly existing between the different Chapters, and a better general feeling is the result. Members of different Fraternities are thrown more together, and all factional differences are cast aside. To these societies can be attributed much of Cornell's success in athletics."

There is much to be said in favor of the legitimate Senior society that is merely honorary and does not lessen one's Fraternity allegiance. To such societies there can be little opposition, and we think the views of the writer upon this point are quite right. But as to Theta Nu Epsilon and

kindred organizations, there can be no doubt as to the detriment they have become to the Greek Fraternity system, and therefore there should be no hesitancy in legislating against them.

Beta Theta Pi for April contains an article, "The Mission of the Small College," which sets forth that institution's true value to the American people in a very accurate manner. To begin with, its many disadvantages are admitted; its limitations recognized. In the following paragraph is the real pith of the article: "But by far the most weighty argument to be urged in favor of the small colleges is the fact that they educationally irrigate hundreds of localities which otherwise must be barren wastes. Bryce, in his *American Commonwealth*, passes brief but far-seeing judgment on these institutions to this effect: 'They get hold of a multitude of poor men who might never resort to a distant place of education. They set learning in a visible form, plain, indeed, and humble, but dignified even in her humility, before the eyes of a rustic people, in whom the love of knowledge, naturally strong, might never break from the bud into the flower but for the care of some zealous gardener. They give the chance of rising in some intellectual walk of life to many a strong and earnest nature who might otherwise have remained an artisan or storekeeper, and perhaps failed in those avocations. They light up in many a country town what is at first only a farthing rushlight, but the town grows, endowments come in, able teachers take charge, and it becomes a lamp of growing flame which throws its rays over a whole State. One finds in them men of great ability and great attainments, and education as thorough though not as wide as the larger universities give.'

"Herein lies the mission of the small college: to bring the higher education within the reach of the masses. In the

civilizing of the great western country their value has been inestimable. While ability and energy were rushing and pushing toward a purely material development, the influence of these numerous centres of intellectual activity has been as a balance-wheel to check and direct this growth along right lines. They have gone far toward giving tone and character to the nation we are proud of to-day."

Kappa Alpha Theta always treats tersely and to the point topics germane to Fraternity welfare. An article on "Friction in the Fraternity" is as follows: "I believe that in the minds of all Kappas there is an ideal Chapter, toward which they strive. And I believe that the ideal Chapter of most of them is a Chapter without clashing, without friction; a Chapter in which life is perfectly serene, and the girls agree on every subject. Ideal, of course; and a manifest impossibility. Who could expect to bring together fifteen girls, of widely different temperaments, from widely different homes, and find that they agreed perfectly in everything? They may and should be congenial; but they must be unlike.

"Did you ever see a beach of water-worn pebbles? Did you notice how each was carefully rounded off—no angles left? Yet the stream was gentle, and the pebbles were not scratched. I believe friction to be a characteristic of good Chapters—gentle friction, which rounds off all our angles yet leaves not one enduring scar.

"Once started in the stream of Fraternity life, a Kappa rubs against many others. Her little sharpnesses of character are slowly rubbed away. At the end of her college course, she is cast upon the great beach of the world, in company with many others, and finds that with the loss of her most aggressive angles, her passage through the world is robbed of half its difficulties.

"Therefore, let us not reject the new girl because her

opinions are the least bit decided, and she asserts them in a slightly aggressive way. She may be a strong girl—a lovable girl; and may not these little angles of hers help in rounding off our own?" This certainly applies to men as well as girls, and we hope every Chapter in Kappa Sigma will heed the advice. It is the constant rubbing against your brother and having your faults first drawn to the surface and then smoothed away that makes the Chapter life develop congenial associations.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for March contains an article, "The Study of the Fraternity System," which urges every Fraternity man to study the history, laws, and policy of his Fraternity, and also to be generally conversant with the whole system. There is also some good advice in the article, for instance:

"The relations of Fraternity to College is a branch of our subject worthy of much careful consideration. These two classes of educational institutions should be coadjutors in a common cause, planning and striving together for the welfare and elevation of youth, not in jealousy and hostility, as is too often the case. Fraternities should recognize and admit the authority and just restrictions of the College and its officers, realizing that their own existence and welfare are bound up in that of the schools in which they are located; while the College should recognize and foster Fraternities for their educational and social value. When we take this view of the matter we are forced to deprecate *sub rosa* Chapters as violating the good faith which should exist between students and Faculty. If the latter are too ignorant or bigoted to realize the full value of brotherhood, it is useless to 'cast pearls before swine.' All we can do is pity the loss which the students must undergo and await a more propitious time and better educated Trustees and Faculties."

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

GAMMA.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA.

The good old horse is again harnessed, this time as the amanuensis of Bro. "Cholly," our regular G. S., who, it seems, is overcrowded with work at this particular moment, and thinks he can save a great deal of time by dictating in lieu of writing. So if this should prove to be a rather short and, perhaps, uninteresting letter, of course the dictator and not his scribe will be held responsible.

We have transported safely within the walls of Kappa Sigma Bros. Roberts, C. M., Barksdale, and Atkinson, all three of Ruston, La., and Bro. Price, of Lockport, La. Bros. Atkinson, Barksdale, and Price are of the Class of 1900, while Bro. Roberts entered the Junior Class, a distinction that is seldom enjoyed by new matriculates.

The prospects for a good track team are fair. The base-ball spirit is reviving. Bro. "Bob" McKnight has been made Captain of the base-ball team.

At the last election the following offices were thus filled: Grand Master, McKnight, R. E.; Grand Master of Ceremonies, Barksdale; Grand Procurator, Price; Grand Treasurer, Atkinson; Grand Scribe, Roberts, "Cholly" M.

Our relations with the other Fraternities are very friendly, and it is our wish that they may always be so.

Gamma extends a cordial welcome to our new Chapters, Beta-Alfa, and Beta-Beta, established at Brown University and Richmond College, respectively.

With best wishes for all who worship at the shrine of Kappa Sigma, I am,

Very fraternally,

MARCH 13th, 1898.

J. C. DASPIT.

DELTA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, DAVIDSON, N. C.

We should, indeed, be proud of the marked advances our dear old Fraternity has made in the past year under the excellent guidance of our present S. E. C., who have steered us on with such zeal that we now stand second to none in the Greek world.

We should now speak forth with one accord, pledging ourselves that in the future each Chapter shall be heard from, giving aid to our zealous Editor, and in so doing place before the Greek world a magazine of constant worth.

It is possibly a little "out of order" for Delta's scribe to be speaking thus, since she has been so negligent as to her letters in the past, but she now makes a solemn promise that in the future in no number of THE CADUCEUS shall Delta fail to chronicle her few happenings.

At the opening of our College year eight Kappa Sigmas returned to battle in friendly struggle with other Greeks, and their efforts have not been without avail.

Six loyal men have been added to our roll: Reid Smith, Columbia, S. C.; C. G. Rose and Neill MacRae, Fayetteville, N. C.; Morrison Fetzer, R. M. King, and M. M. Caldwell, Concord, N. C. Bros. Rose and King entered the Class of 1900, Bro. MacRae the Medical College, and the remaining three the Class of 1901.

After Xmas vacation Bro. Nettles failed to return, and two weeks ago we lost Bro. Dye, who was forced to leave College on account of failure of his eyes.

Delta has not failed to receive her share of honors in athletics, having three men on the College foot-ball team, four on the College base-ball team, and five on the track team.

On Kappa Sigma Day at the Exposition of Tennessee we were represented by Bros. Fetzer and MacKethan.

The College annual for 1898 will be quite a success. We

are represented on the staff by Bros. Harrison and Fitzpatrick.

In the past few weeks we have had short visits from a few of our Alumni—Bros. Bailey, R. W. and L. O. MacCutchen, J. F. Hurley, J. Hunter, and John and Charles Grey.

Delta is planning to be well represented at the next Conclave.

With best wishes to every Chapter and a hearty welcome to Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta, I am,

Yours fraternally,

APRIL 18th, 1898.

D. G. MACKETHAN.

EPSILON.

CENTENARY COLLEGE, JACKSON, LA.

We wish to offer congratulations and the right hand of hearty good fellowship to the new Chapters. We are satisfied that the glory of Kappa Sigma will be upheld by these new brothers.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the Fraternity a new brother, Hardie Redditt, of Columbia, La.

Commencement is drawing near, and we will be represented by Bros. Singleton and your humble scribe as class orators, the former being appointed by the Faculty and the latter by the class. We hope to be represented further on the program, which is not yet arranged.

The prospects are that we shall have a very fine base-ball team this year. We are represented on the team by Bro. Zenor, pitcher; Bro. Singleton, short-stop, and Bro. Lutz, first base. The team will play Louisiana State University during the Y. M. C. A. State Convention at Baton Rouge.

We have a new attraction in College in the form of two attractive co-eds., who are taking a special course in chemistry, one of whom is a true Kappa Sigma.

We are interested in the marked progress of THE CADU-

CEUS, and we realize that it is the medium by which the various and widely-extended Chapters are cemented into a united whole, moulding the sentiments which constitute the Kappa Sigma spirit.

With best wishes to our sister Chapters, I am,
Yours in the bonds,

IKE ERWIN.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

Easter week, with its gaieties, is now among the erst-while events of '97-'98. This is the social week at Virginia and though recitations go on with unvarying steadiness, the "dig," the sport, the quasi-sport, and the sport of former years mingle in the pleasures the occasion affords; for although we are under the old regime, so far as holidays are concerned, every one turns his attention to having a good time during this, the gala season. But now the fair visitors have sought other fields, and the student unwillingly settles down to a month and a half of hard work, which always precedes the final examinations.

Monday afternoon we were Yale's victims on the diamond, but were consoled by the fact that on the Saturday before the sons of old Eli were easily defeated by Virginia in Richmond.

Tuesday night the V. V. V. Dramatic Club gave a very creditable exhibition of their histrionic abilities in the Jefferson Opera House. The play, "A Night at Monticello," was written by Miss Mary Stuart Smith, daughter of Professor Smith, and one of the club's most enthusiastic members.

On Tuesday afternoon Virginia triumphed over Princeton in a pretty game of ball.

The germans on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Thursday nights were very pretty, seventy-five and eighty couples participating.

Rain prevented the games with the University of North Carolina.

The students presented the Sixth U. S. Cavalry with a large flag when they passed through, *en route* for Tennessee. The inscription which it bore was a symbol of war, but it would be very unwise for a salvation army to fight under such a motto.

We welcome our new Chapters into Kappa Sigma, and assure them that they have Zeta's best wishes in all they undertake in the name of our Fraternity.

Fraternally,

H. H. SHELTON.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

ETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.

From the plea for promptness, made by our W. G. S., it seemed that the intention was to make the May number of **THE CADUCEUS** a star issue; but when the notice that our letter was due came to hand we found that nothing of special interest had happened in the history of Eta since our last letter.

Perhaps many active Kappa Sigmas have often turned their eyes toward Eta and have wondered why the little Chapter at Randolph-Macon has not made more progress. If you were to ask your scribe he would be unable to tell you why in the past few years Eta has been so small in numbers, for only this session did he have the good fortune to become a Kappa Sigma. The reason, however, why Eta has not been large this year is that only Bro. Shepburn returned, and it was late in the session before an initiation was performed.

I believe that this is our last Chapter letter for the Col-

lege year. I trust that all Kappa Sigmas have gotten out of the Fraternity as much good as your scribe believes that he has got during the session. It has truly been a pleasure to have the companionship of the brothers here, and to extend a welcome to brothers who have chanced to fall this way. One of the most pleasurable events that has happened and with which the Eta boys have had anything to do is the establishment of Beta-Beta almost at our very door. Of course a full account of the initiation will be given in this CADUCEUS. All three of us were at the initiation, and not only enjoyed this feature of the event, but also enjoyed greatly meeting the W. G. S. and the W. G. T., together with other brothers. Kappa Sigma surely entered a fertile field when she entered Richmond College, and Eta is delighted to have such a near neighbor. Those eight charter members are eight fine College men, and we believe that Beta-Beta will be one of our strongest Chapters.

We have also received notice of the installation of Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta, and shall read with interest the accounts of this extension work. Who can say what our roster in time will be?

And now, with the grip, we bid our brothers good-bye for the College year, and wish one and all a happy vacation.

Yours fraternally,

J. D. HUGHLETT.

APRIL 23d, 1898.

IOTA.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, GEORGETOWN, TEX.

The enthusiasm caused by the announcement of the instituting of Beta-Alpha Chapter had scarcely abated when the news came that another "good thing" had materialized in the person of Beta-Beta; and still the good work goes on, for we have just heard of the existence of Beta-Gamma and

Beta-Delta. Surely we have a wide-awake S. E. C., and every member of that body should have our sincere thanks for their faithful service and untiring energy in behalf of Kappa Sigma. I, for one, am proud of our record and progress. Long live Beta-Beta, Beta-Gamma, and Beta-Delta!

Some time ago I spoke of the fact that two of Iota's men were to represent San Jacinto Society in her Intermediate Debate. Our men were to contest with two non-Fraternity men, and while we are on friendly terms with that element in our College, yet there was a great deal of excitement as to the result of the contest. The decision was unanimously in favor of Iota's men. Every one conceded the fact that our men won a glorious victory. Bro. Davis was especially complimented for the excellence of his speech.

A word just here in regard to our friendly rivals, the Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta Fraternities. They rejoiced with us and cheered us to the echo. It was difficult to distinguish the Kappa Sigma boys from the other Fraternity boys. We all dwell together in peace and harmony.

Our Commencement Day is fast approaching, and we are endeavoring to prepare for those "finals" which are dreaded by all schoolboys. We all hope to make our passes, and, if possible, carry off some honors.

Several of our Alumni have informed us that they will pay us a visit during Commencement. We are looking forward to that time with pleasure, and we shall try to make them have a good time.

Possibly this will be the last letter this correspondent shall ever write to THE CADUCEUS, at least as an active member, for when the time rolls round for another letter my College days will be over. I can but say that I have learned to love our Fraternity, and shall always count it one of the happiest days of my life when I was judged worthy to wear the Star and Crescent.

With best wishes for the continued growth and success

of our noble brotherhood, and a hearty old Kappa Sigma grip to every member, I am,

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. WHITFIELD DENNIS.

APRIL 19th, 1898.

KAPPA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

At this time of the year there is always a marked scarcity of news to find its way into the Chapter Correspondence Department of THE CADUCEUS—news that is at all interesting to the Fraternity at large, and since it so happens that Kappa's correspondent is not endowed with the power of converting dry material into interesting reading matter, we feel that we should offer in advance our sincere condolence to those few Kappa Sigmas who may chance to stray over this particular portion of this special department.

The Chapters of Tennessee are anticipating a very enjoyable time at the annual Convention of the Tennessee Association of Kappa Sigma on April 29th. Theta Chapter has, in her usual generous manner, extended a cordial invitation to the Association to convene in Lebanon this year, and I am sure there can but be a large gathering of loyal Kappa Sigmas there, if the reputation of the Theta boys can be termed a factor in the success of the Convention. We hope to meet many of our old friends there, and also to enlarge our circle of friends in the Kappa Sigma world.

Several questions of great importance are to be discussed and decided upon at this Convention, and it is therefore incumbent upon every Tennessee Chapter to have representatives present. Of course every Kappa Sigma anywhere is always welcomed to a Convention of the Tennessee Association of Kappa Sigma.

It is a matter of much joy to us all to learn that Alpha-

Kappa Chapter will soon have a Chapter-house of her own, for surely one is needed at Cornell if Kappa Sigma be expected to cope successfully with the other Fraternities there, which are housed so elegantly. We highly commend Alpha-Kappa's method of raising funds for this structure, and sincerely hope success may be hers in its widest meaning.

There being absolutely no fraternal news here just now Kappa's correspondent will bow himself out.

Fraternally,

J. H. FULLILOVE, JR.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The progress Kappa Sigma is making towards the top of the Greek ladder is something simply amazing. I am not certain that it is so astonishing either when we consider the extremely high ideals of the Order and the splendid executive ability of the officers of the S. E. C.

It was with more pleasure than I can express that Lambda received the information that Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta Chapters had been chartered. Lambda sends her hearty congratulations to the new Chapters, and wishes them a pleasant and profitable life within the * * * * *.

Lambda recently had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. Julius C. Travis, W. G. M. of Kappa Sigma, and found him just the hearty whole-souled, clear-headed kind of a man to fill his responsible position. Bro. Travis spent several days with us, and one of the many good results of his visit is that Lambda feels that she is more nearly in touch with the Fraternity at large than ever before.

We have for some years been trying to get into a Chapter-house, but difficulties which could not be overcome have

always been encountered. At last, however, Lambda sees her way clear to the taking possession of an entirely new and splendidly equipped house at the opening of '98-'99, and great is the rejoicing in consequence. All arrangements have been made, and unless something not now contemplated happens Lambda will be well housed next session.

The Tennessee Association of Kappa Sigma meets in May at Lebanon, Tenn., being entertained by Theta Chapter of Cumberland University. All of the Tennessee Chapters should be, and no doubt will be represented. Theta will give us a royal good time, as the Chapter is made up of splendid men, and Kappa Sigma owns the town and the pretty girls thereof.

Lambda loses three men by graduation this year—Bros. Smith, O. B., and Colville in the Academic Department, and the writer in Law. With Bro. Attkisson, at present Instructor in Greek and Latin, who goes next year to one of the large Eastern Universities, this will be the extent of Lambda's loss, so that '98-'99 will find her in good condition.

I now, with regret, bid the brothers "good-bye," and lay down the pen of correspondent for Lambda, trusting that in future it may fall into more worthy hands.

With kindest regards for all "in the bonds," I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. L. JARNAGIN BARNES.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

NU.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

Again, thanks to Bro. Martin, we are reminded that 'tis our pleasant duty to render an account of Nu's stewardship. This is truly a pleasure to your correspondent, for we feel that the session of '97-'98 has dealt very kindly with the fortunes of Kappa Sigma at William and Mary.

Since our last letter we have judged Bros. Cary Grayson and Wilmer White as in every way worthy of the honors and privileges of Kappa Sigma, and we take pleasure in announcing that they have been duly admitted into * * * * * .

This brings our number up to the high-water mark—sixteen. Having been a member of Nu for the past four years, it gives us no small degree of pleasure to say that Kappa Sigma at this institution has not only inaugurated no backward movement, but the Chapter is at present one of the strongest in our history, numerically and otherwise.

Apropos of progress, we trust that we may be permitted to express our unqualified approval of the zeal, enthusiasm, and discretion of our wide-awake and progressive Supreme Executive Committee. With such a spirit of life and progress pervading the Fraternity at large surely there can be no excuse for lethargy and stagnation among the individual Chapters.

We take peculiar pleasure in extending a fraternal greeting to the Beta quartette, Beta-Alpha, Beta-Beta, Beta-Gamma, and Beta-Delta.

Several representatives from Nu had the pleasure of being present at and participating in the ceremonies incident to the founding of Beta-Beta.

Your correspondent greatly enjoyed meeting so many Kappa Sigmas on that occasion, and hopes that the close proximity of the Chapters may cause Beta-Beta and Nu to become better acquainted.

Nothing has transpired outside of the usual routine of College work worthy of record.

Fraternally,

JACOB MORTON WHITE.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

PI.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PA.

Still the good work goes on and new Chapters are being added to our already large and creditable Chapter roll, and when we consider the conservative policy of the present S. E. C. we may rest assured that they are Chapters which will be an honor to the Fraternity, and will also stand as monuments to mark the energy and effort of their sponsors.

The correspondent wishes to apologize for the absence of the letter in the last CADUCEUS. The letter was written and forwarded, but evidently arrived too late for publication. The writer feels the urgent need of each Chapter keeping up its correspondence if our magazine is to be properly supported, and promises his best efforts to prevent a like failure in the future.

At this time of the year the main interest of the College is in athletics. The lacrosse team has already played two games, one with Johns Hopkins, which resulted in defeat for the home team, and the other a tie game with Harvard. Kappa Sigma has two men on the team, and they are worthy representatives. She also hopes to make a very creditable showing on the track team and send a good delegation to the State Meet at Pittsburg.

Bro. Farquhar has been elected a member of the *Halcyon* staff, the publication issued by the Junior Class each year.

The Chapter is working hard at present and has hopes in the future, although the troubled condition of the country may tend to decrease the number of students. But we expect our Chapter to be in good working order next year.

With best wishes to all, I am,

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN DOUGLASS HUBBARD.

APRIL 24th, 1898.

SIGMA.

TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Our war-paint is still fresh, our steed just as lively as ever, although we have done some mighty good work of late. Scanning among the non-Fraternity men we have been fortunate enough to secure four worthy men who have spoken their farewell to the region of barbarism, and worthily and successfully surpassed the dangers of the road which leads to our time-honored shrine.

It is my great pleasure to introduce to Kappa Sigma the following recruits to her victorious phalanx: Bro. George Whitfield Jack, Law, '98; Bro. William Bennett Hogg, Academic, 1901; Bro. Deury Wood Breazeale, Law, '98, and Bro. John Gabriel Robin, Law, '98. These four men would reflect credit on any society, and Kappa Sigma will hear from them.

Bro. Jack is a resident of Natchitoches, La., and a son of Colonel Jack, ex-Superintendent of Public Education of Louisiana. He is, like his father, a deep thinker, and is among the leaders of the Law Class.

Bro. Hogg is a nephew of ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, and besides being a very hard student, is a good athlete. He will play on the 'Varsity base-ball team. His congenial ways and witty sayings have won for him many friends at Tulane already.

Bro. Breazeale hails from Natchitoches, La., a town which has given birth to many a Louisiana boy who wears proudly a Kappa Sigma badge. Bro. Breazeale will soon be fighting his way through life as a lawyer, and he will be a "winner."

Bro. Robin, who will also be graduated with the Law Class of '98, outside of his literary accomplishments, and of the bright future in sight for him as a member of the Bar, is a great social favorite.

With Bros. Tremoulet and Rogers, these last four initiates place our number of new acquisitions at six, a very creditable showing considering that the field is so crowded.

Tulane will have a good base-ball team this year, judging from a practice game they played recently. Our initial battle will be with the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa on the 21st, and we should win. Bros. Hogg and Joy will play on the team.

We are very proud of the two new Chapters at the University of Missouri and at Washington and Jefferson College. Long may they live and prosper.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, I remain,

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

P. ARTHUR THIBAUT.

APRIL 19th, 1898.

UPSILON.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

I will begin my letter to THE CADUCEUS by congratulating the brothers of Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta upon their safe arrival within * * * * * and sending them Upsilon's greetings.

The literary societies have finished their year's work, and had a big time electing their medalists. Bro. Kinnier won the Freshman Declaimer's Medal in the Union Society, of which we are justly proud.

The *Kaleidoscope* is progressing finely, and promises to rank among the best of College annuals. The base-ball team has had hard luck, and has not done much on account of the long rainy spell which we have experienced lately. We have two men on the team, Bro. Bull behind the bat, as usual, and Bro. L. D. Cole in left field, who will also probably pitch some of the games. The class teams played each other a few weeks ago, the Sophomores winning. They also won the

championship in foot-ball, and are justly proud of their athletic superiority over the other classes.

With greetings to all sister Chapters, and especially the new ones, I am,

Fraternally,

HOWSON WHITE COLE, JR.

APRIL 25th, 1898.

PHI.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY,
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

It maketh glad our hearts to hear of the acquisition of new Chapters, knowing, as we do, the conservatism of our Supreme Executive Committee. The granting of charters is a serious matter, as the character of a Chapter is dependent, for the most part, on its first members. Chapters, especially in smaller universities, possess a distinct personality, usually dating from its founding, and that personality is rarely changed when once acquired.

Phi gladly welcomes the return of Bros. Deaderick, Marable, and Moseley, recent graduates of Vanderbilt Medical Department; also Bro. Bringhurst, undergraduate of the Dental Department of the same University.

Apropos of Kappa, we would like to congratulate her on her recent initiate, Bro. Walter Simmons, who is well known to many Kappa Sigmas of Phi and Alpha-Xi. We rejoice at his reception within the mystic bonds.

Phi has also introduced a brother to the Fraternity, Otis DeWitt Lyle, of Clarksville, who knows a "good thing." He will help represent Kappa Sigma among the fairer half of creation.

Kappa's correspondent, no doubt, will not fail to chronicle the honor conferred upon Bro. Will H. Deaderick, a

transfer from Phi, that of being chosen by his Faculty as assistant in a Nashville hospital. We were pleased, but not surprised, at his success.

Under personals is to be found the distinction of Bro. John H. McLean, who is a brother of whom Phi has reason to be proud.

Phi Chapter recently had a letter from Bro. E. H. Magruder, a brother *par excellence*, whose zeal for Kappa Sigma will never lag. He is a reporter now in his native city, Vicksburg, Miss.

Phi sends congratulations to the new Chapters, Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta, and welcome them within the portal of Kappa Sigma.

Fraternally,

L. NEWTON BYERS.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

CHI.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, IND.

Since our last letter we have lost Bro. Quarrier, who left us to take an important position in West Virginia. Bro. Quarrier was one of the best liked men in the University and in his Fraternity. Bro. Thistlewaite also left at the close of the Pharmacy School, March 31st. Bro. Means also leaves this week to accept a position at Nashville, Tenn. Chi will lose two men by virtue of their graduating in June. The outlook for the coming year is bright.

The Sophomore Class has just finished building a third of a mile track on the athletic field. This will be a great addition, as it has always been necessary for the men to go a long distance in order to train. The outlook in track athletics is good. Chi is well represented on the track team.

During the past six months we have received many

visits from our brothers at Wabash College. Chi has also been royally entertained there. These visits are of great benefit to both Chapters.

With best wishes for Kappa Sigma, I am,
Fraternally yours,

C. G. FERRIS.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, ME.

The time has again arrived for Psi to send in its Chapter-letter, but unfortunately it finds our correspondent sick and unable to leave his bed. Consequently the writing of the letter has fallen to a new hand.

Spring athletics are now well under way at the U. of M. The base-ball team is training under the direction of Mr. Bustard, who is from Brown University, and is taking hold of the team as if he meant business. The coach for the track team is expected to arrive very soon. In the meantime the team is working under the management of Captain Gibbs.

At the same time that the appearance of spring brings forth our athletic teams it also starts our Military Department. The first drill of the season was held this week. Our annual encampment, which was objected to by the Faculty to some extent, was, after an interview with the cadet officers and a petition from the students, decided upon.

We are now enjoying a visit from Bro. C. W. Bartlette, who has been away from College this year. We are glad to know that he will return next fall.

Recently our Chapter-house was made the scene of merriment by a whist party given by the Chapter. After playing whist the greater part of the evening we wound up with a dance, and all went away declaring that they had thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Hoping that our correspondent will be well and able to make up for this letter by an exceptionally good one next time, I am,

Yours fraternally,

MARCH 31st, 1898.

G. HAROLD DAVIS.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE, TENN.

Since the opening of the '98 term our membership has been increased by the addition of Mr. Otis Hackett Johnson, of Waco, Texas. Bro. Johnson is in the Academic Department, and expects to graduate B. A. in 1899. He was for several years at the Episcopal High School in Virginia, and held high rank as a student. As he is one of the most promising of the new men we are glad to have him. Besides Bro. Johnson we have several other good men in view.

Shortly after the last letter Bro. W. M. Green returned to College, and we were most happy to welcome him again into our councils. He was Captain of the Suwanee ball team of '97, and led a winning nine. He was also our representative on the *Purple* for '97. This year, however, he is attending strictly to his class work to the exclusion of all outside interests save the Fraternity.

Bro. Edwards is our present representative on the College paper.

In May, when the Medical School opens, we hope to greet again Bros. S. B. Smith and Turner, who will increase our membership to eight.

We have at present nothing in particular to boast of in advancement save an awakening of spirit that the Chapter has long needed, and which has now distinctly come.

Fraternally yours,

APRIL 17th, 1898.

GEO. CLIFTON EDWARDS.

ETA-PRIME.**TRINITY COLLEGE, DURHAM, N. C.**

The "hurry up" letter found me in the midst of an accumulated mass of work which will have to be disposed of before I can get my "sheepskin" in June.

The base-ball spirit has seized the College, and we have so tantalizingly near the best College team in the State that it makes one have a wicked desire to do something rash to think about it. The team has been hampered so far by having to put in for all the games the substitute catcher, but now that our regular catcher is able to play we expect to make a better record during the rest of the season. Bro. Anderson, S. W., is playing short stop on the team.

Bro. P. V. Anderson made us a short visit in March. Bro. Pierce, who is practicing medicine in Durham, came up and we had a spread which was enjoyed by all very much. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was short speeches expressing sentiments of love and loyalty for "dear old Kappa Sigma."

All the members of our Chapter are now wearing the "Star and Crescent" since the representative of one of Kappa Sigma's official jewelers passed through.

I am very sorry that our Chapter can report no new initiates, but we have a man in view who by the time for our next letter may have his eyes opened to the mysteries of the Kappa Sigma world.

Since our last letter Beta-Gamma, Beta-Beta, Beta-Alpha, and Beta-Delta have been added to our ranks. To these brothers we extend the heartiest welcome, with all manner of wishes for their success.

Fraternally,

WADE H. ANDERSON.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, MD.

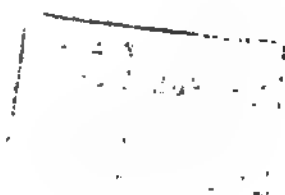
The organization of Alpha-Alpha Chapter at the University of Maryland was effected on the 25th of February. Frank Fred Luthardt, Jerome Harry Willms, James Rawlings Brewer, Jr., Louis McKim Kines, Charles Addison Hook, Jr., and William Milnes Maloy were the charter members, and the following have been initiated: Edward Hughes Sappington, John Branham Deming, Thomas Stephens Rice, John Leo Virgil Murphy, Frank Marion Widner, and Henry Whinner Nice.

We could double our membership to-morrow, but we deem it our duty to proceed carefully, and to take in no man who is not in every respect up to the Kappa Sigma standard.

Bro. Willms is the Manager of the University Base-ball and Hockey Clubs, while Bro. Luthardt is his assistant. Bros. Hook and Widner are prominent in athletics at the school, and both have been successful in several recent meets. Bro. Rice is considered the Baltimore authority on foot-ball, and conducts the sporting columns in the Baltimore *Sun* and in Baltimore *Life*. Bros. Deming, Sappington and Murphy are the leaders of the "society element" in the school, but are quite popular with the boys. Bros. Brewer and Nice are in the race for the honors of the Law Department, and both belong to good old Maryland families. We have secured Chapter quarters in a good section of the city, and are rapidly getting skilled in Fraternity matters. The officers of the Chapter are: Charles Addison Hook, G. M.; Jerome Harry Willms, G. M. C.; Frank Fred Luthardt, G. P.; Louis McKim Kines, I. G.; Edward Hughes Sappington, O. G.; James Rawlings Brewer, G. T.; William Milnes Maloy, G. S. The event of our Fraternity existence has been the visit we received from Bro. Julius C. Travis, W. G. M., and Bro. J. Harry



ALPHA-ALPHA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.



Covington, the Editor of **THE CADUCEUS**. They are both men of sterling worth, and we are glad to have had the privilege of meeting them. We have the approbation of the Faculty in our work, and the outlook is so favorable that we are sanguine of great success in making Alpha-Alpha a permanency in the Kappa Sigma Chapter roll.

WILLIAM MILNES MALOY.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-BETA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA.

On account of protracted illness your scribe was unable to prepare a communication for the last issue of **THE CADUCEUS**, but nevertheless prosperity of Alpha-Beta still continues.

It affords me great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity J. E. Morton, of James' Station, Georgia. Bro. Morton stands high in all his classes, and bids fair to make an enthusiastic member of our Fraternity.

Bro. Corbin Guhlier, one of the charter members of Alpha-Beta, was married to Miss Westbrook, of Montezuma, Ga., on the 19th of January last. Bro. Guhlier is one of the most enthusiastic Alumni members of our Fraternity I have ever met. His business calls him to Macon frequently, and he never fails to give Alpha-Beta a brotherly call. May his new life be one of continuous happiness is the wish of every member of the Chapter.

We were agreeably surprised to hear of the new Chapters of the Fraternity. The new members should feel proud of the honor which Kappa Sigma has bestowed upon them. They will no doubt prove a decided acquisition to our already strong Fraternity.

The Fraternities at Mercer exist with good-will toward

each other, and some weeks ago your correspondent had the pleasure of attending a delightful reception given by Kappa Alpha.

Fraternally,

CLARENCE R. WARE.

APRIL 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-DELTA.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

It has been but two short weeks since we returned from our vacation, but already things have settled down into their accustomed ways, and we are again in the routine work.

Since our last letter Alpha-Delta has been very active, with the result that now we have the pleasure of introducing to our sister Chapters three new members, who have proven strong additions to our number. They are Joseph Paul Ritenour, 1901, of Uniontown; Harry Groff Huber, '98, of Greensburg, and James Lour Stewart, '99, of Arch Spring. Bro. Huber is Manager of the Mandolin Club, and will be one of the Commencement speakers.

The annual military ball was held on April 15th, and, as usual, it proved a very enjoyable occasion.

Our base-ball team is now on its eastern trip, with Bro. Haehnlen as manager, and Bro. Lockwood playing in the outfield.

The idea of inter-collegiate debate has taken root here, and we have just completed the first of a series of debates with Dickinson College. It is to be hoped that the idea will become more firmly rooted, and that in the near future these debates will be more frequent.

Bro. Herr has not returned this term, but has entered the Western University of Pennsylvania. We miss him very much from our midst, but still hope that some day in the near future he may be with us again.

We were very much pleased to hear from Bro. Martin concerning our two new Chapters, Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta. This latter Chapter will be a close neighbor for us, so we shall watch its progress with great interest. To both we extend a hearty welcome into the bonds which unite us so closely into one brotherhood.

Fraternally,

APRIL 24th, 1898.

W. W. TUSTIN.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Alpha-Epsilon regrets very much that her letter for the last CADUCEUS did not appear in print, owing to a mistake on the part of the correspondent.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the S. E. C. on their wise judgment in selecting Brown, Missouri, and Washington and Jefferson as institutions worthy of receiving charters from Kappa Sigma, and we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to each of the new Chapters.

Our Chapter is running along smoothly. Since we were last heard from in THE CADUCEUS we have added to our number Mr. Robinson, of New Jersey, a man full worthy to wear the badge, and at our next meeting we expect to initiate another very acceptable member.

Several times during the past month we have received agreeable visits from the following brothers: Moise and Carmichael, who are teaching in the city; Viskniskki, who is engaged in business here, and Kappeller, who is appearing in Sousa's opera, "The Bride Elect."

The great carnival of relay races occurs here on April 30th. We expect quite a number of Colleges and Universities to be represented by Kappa Sigmas on their respective teams, and we hope each and every member will make it a point to call at the Chapter-house, No. 3607 Locust Street.

This being the last letter of the College year, Alpha-Epsilon extends best wishes for all Kappa Sigmas in the final examinations, and to those graduating we express hopes that they meet with great success in life, and that they may with pleasure look back to the happy days of College life, and especially to the close associations of their dear old Kappa Sigma.

Fraternally,

A. P. HUME.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

With the disappearance of the snow and the approach of spring athletics are beginning to boom once more. The base-ball men are hard at work every afternoon in the big cage, which almost fills the gymnasium. Bros. Scott, Fox, and McGinnis are candidates for the 'Varsity, and in their practice are showing up finely.

Hon. W. G. Ferris recently delivered an address in University Hall, and while here was a guest of Kappa Sigma. Mr. Ferris is not only an orator, but an interesting story-teller, as entertaining in the parlor as on the lecture platform.

Alpha-Zeta will hold its seventh annual banquet at the Cadillac Hotel in Detroit the latter part of May. If Michigan plays Chicago in Detroit on May 30th it will be on that date.

Bro. W. G. McKay has been slightly indisposed during the last week, and has gone home to recuperate.

Bros. H. T. and A. G. Gundry have returned after spending a pleasant little visit at their home in Flint, Mich.

With best wishes to all members of Kappa Sigma, I am,

Fraternally,

H. B. BUSTER.

MARCH 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-ETA.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

It is with much timidity that I presume to fill the place of correspondent left vacant by the departure of Bro. Wright, who has gone to his home in Tennessee, where a commission as Captain awaits him.

Alpha-Eta may well be proud of the patriotism manifest in her members, four or five of whom have shown their worth by offering their services to their country in this her hour of need.

Bro. Wright, as before stated, has been assured of a commission as Captain in the Tennessee Volunteers, and will, in all probability, be transferred to General Lee's staff, that officer having intimated that such a course would meet with his heartiest approval.

Bro. Algernon Sartoris, a grandson of the late General U. S. Grant, has applied for and been promised a commission as Staff Officer with General Lee, should that gentleman receive an appointment as Major-General.

Can it now be said, seriously, that America is still a divided country, that there is still a feeling of animosity between the people of the North and those of the South? I think not; for what better evidence of a united country could you have than that the grandson of the victorious Northern chieftain should share the dangers of battle, for their common country, with the nephew of the South's gallant but unfortunate leader. Alpha-Eta justly claims some of the reflected glory of this most important event.

While not so conspicuous, perhaps, yet quite as valiant are those of our fraternal family who have, in accordance with the dictates of their consciences, enlisted in the rank and file. Bros. Loucks, Allen, and Chaney, as well as Wright and Sartoris, have the heartiest "God's speed" from

those of Alpha-Eta who are left behind to battle, not with the national enemy, but that formidable foe, "Exams."

As the time draws near for the annual prize debate much interest is centered in that event. At the election of contestants we succeeded in electing three Kappa Sigmas, Bro. Patterson, Bro. Phelps, and Bro. Adams, the total number of debaters being six. With this array we feel that success is assured.

Bro. Loucks, manager of our track team, has just arrived with his men from Philadelphia, where we succeeded in landing second place in the relay race at University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins having secured first place by only one foot. Much credit is due Bro. Loucks for the skillful way in which he has handled his men. He reports a royal reception by the members of Alpha-Epsilon.

We had a very pleasant visit from the Worthy Grand Master and our able Editor during the Easter holidays, but owing to a business engagement on the part of Bro. Covington, and an engagement of another nature on the part of Bro. Travis, the proposed banquet in their honor was abandoned. The visitors, however, were placed in the hands of our steering committee, Bro. Bright, Bro. Stine, and others, who endeavored to make their short stay as pleasant as possible.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Kappa Sigma world Bro. Charles E. Holmes, who occupies the position of Registrar of the University. Bro. Holmes says he had a very pleasant journey, but still he is very glad to be within the gates.

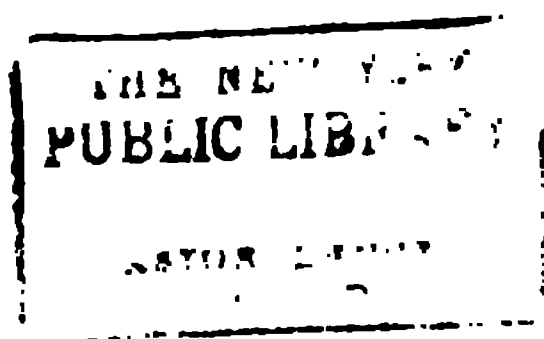
Wishing you all success upon a like occasion, I am,
Yours in the bonds,

FREDRICK E. YOUNG.

MAY 3d, 1898.



ALPHA-THETA CHAPTER, SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.



ALPHA-THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENN.

While Alpha-Theta has been suffering the loss of men she has not folded her arms in resignation, for having recognized a "good thing" in Bros. Robert Bailey Nelson and Will Smedley Harris they were ushered into the mystic bonds of Kappa Sigma on the evening of the 14th. We have found these men to be of the best in the school, and are justly proud that they are wearers of the Star and Crescent.

One or more good men have been pledged, and we hope to have them with us ere school closes.

After having made some preparations to entertain the State Association we found that from a geographical standpoint we could not hold a creditable meeting here, and it was decided among the Chapters of the State that Theta, on account of her central location and other advantages, would easily be the best place for the meeting.

Theta readily consented and sent us an urgent invitation, and we shall respond by sending our present G. M., Bro. C. S. Young, as our delegate.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the wedding and reception of Dr. J. L. Crook and Miss Jennie Jeune Jones at her home in St. Louis on the evening of the 21st.

Our best wishes go out to Bro. E. W. Skene in capturing one of Jackson's most accomplished young ladies on the 7th.

I had the pleasure of meeting the founder of Alpha-Upsilon while in Memphis during the first week of this month.

Dr. Holloman has just taken his M. D., and it is hoped that he will soon have a lucrative practice.

With best wishes for all Kappa Sigmas, and especially our new brothers of Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta, believe me,
Fraternally,

GORDON L. BURKE.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-IOTA.

U. S. GRANT UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, TENN.

While the anticipations of the coming of another Commencement are pleasant, and we look forward to its coming with eagerness, yet mixed with the happy feeling of freedom and rest, there is a feeling of sadness, which grows more oppressive as the time of our separation draws nigh. Why should we sorrow that our associates are taken from us? Should we not, on the contrary, be glad that they have gone out into the world to make for themselves a name and to carve out their way in life, and to prepare themselves for future and more lasting happiness? Ah! we know not what should be, but we know what is, and when we think of the time when brother bids brother farewell, knowing not when, if ever, they may meet again, we do not stop to think what ought to be and how we should feel; but whether we will or not our hearts are torn asunder and the tears come to our eyes when we clasp our brother's hand for the last time, for we know that when we meet again that many changes will have taken place and the days of our association have ended forever. We lose this year by graduation Bros. Oaks, M. S., Seba, Keener, Oaks, E. S., Hacker, Sizer, Andes, and Caldwell. Our best wishes for their success and happiness attend them.

Bro. Robert W. Martin has also left us, and has accepted a position with his brother in Johnson City, Tenn. We were sorry to lose Bro. Martin, as he was quite popular, but it was unnecessary that he should remain with us longer, as he had finished his course in the Business Department.

Bro. Henry M. Cass, who has been attending the Medical School at Louisville, Ky., stopped with us for a few days on his return home. Bro. Cass is one of Alpha-Iota's staunchest and most loyal members. Bro. Dulaney, one of our earliest members, also passed through the city and talked with several of the brothers while waiting for his train.

Bro. F. F. Hooper, who has been teaching school at Wells Springs Seminary the past year, is expected home in a few days.

Bro. C. M. Snyder was called home a short time since by the announcement of the death of his mother, whose death was quite unexpected, as it was not known to Bro. Snyder that she was sick. While it is not for us to complain at the workings of Providence, still we extend to our bereaved brother our heartfelt sympathies with the assurance that we, if we could, would willingly share his sorrow with him.

It gives me great pleasure to inform the brothers within the portals of the * * * * * that Alpha-Iota continues to increase her number with those who are worthy. We have found two more brothers since our last letter who are worthy to wear the Crescent and the Star, and I now present to you Bros. Leonard L. Baber and L. Spencer Cooper, both of whom have brothers already within the Chapter.

Bro. Magill, of Alpha-Theta, has been meeting with us for the last few meetings. Bro. Magill is an enthusiastic Kappa Sigma, and we are truly glad to have him with us.

Alpha-Iota was thrown into a very agreeable state of excitement a short time since by a letter from Bro. Martin announcing that Bro. Travis, the Worthy Grand Master of the Fraternity, would visit us in a short time. After watching and waiting for what seemed to us a long time, we gave up the hope of seeing him, but finally he came and won for himself the opinion of Alpha-Iota that he richly deserved the honor of his high position in the Fraternity. When asked as to where the next Grand Conclave would likely be held

he said that the place of meeting had not been decided upon, but that every Chapter of Tennessee had asked that it be held at Chattanooga. We think that Chattanooga would be the most desirable place in the South for the Conclave, as it is surrounded by many points of interest. Tennessee thinks that it would be just to her to hold the Conclave in Chattanooga, as there are more Chapters in this State than any other, and they would all turn out in full force. So we beg the S. E. C. to consider the desirable position of Chattanooga, the magnificent views from Lookout Inn (the place suggested by Bro. Travis as the most desirable), and the wishes of the Chapters of this State, and if possible to favor us with the next Grand Conclave at Chattanooga.

Wishing all the brothers a pleasant and profitable vacation, and hoping to see a number of them at the next Conclave, I am,

Fraternally yours,

HOWARD R. BURKE.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

The University opened for the spring term on April 6th, and all Kappa Sigmas having safely weathered the winter "exams.," we returned, and it seemed like coming home to gather again in our old Chapter-house.

Everybody reported an enjoyable vacation, and some had spent a very busy one, as some of our Seniors in engineering had been making thesis tests during this playtime.

Bro. Neilson spent his entire vacation in making a test of a large air compressor plant in New York City, and he had a very busy but exceedingly interesting and enjoyable time.

Bro. Jeffers left us a few days after the opening of the

term to accept a very promising position in a dairy laboratory in New Jersey.

True to the promise made in the March CADUCEUS we have recently "swung" the following new members: Byron Albert Kilbourne, 1901, Liberty, N. Y.; M. Joseph Kinsella, 1900, Buffalo, N. Y., and Charles Edmond Hewitt, 1901, North Towanda, N. Y., whom we take pleasure in presenting to Kappa Sigma at large as very acceptable additions to our roster.

Cornell University has recently organized a College of Medicine and a College of Forestry. The equipment of the medical college will be of the finest, and over fifty professors and instructors have been chosen from the best the land affords, so that the coming fall will see Cornell prepared to offer a course in medicine equal to any in the country. Alpha-Kappa is greatly rejoiced over this, as it is expected that some of our men who are now pursuing their work in medicine at other places will return to us.

The College of Forestry is the first of its kind in America, and 30,000 acres of land have been bought in the Adirondacks as an experimental station.

The war fever has touched Cornell, and a number of the students have left to join their regiments, while a regiment of engineers is being recruited from the Alumni.

Bro. Neilson has gone to Philadelphia to take examinations in order to enter the engineering branch of the navy.

Alpha-Kappa reports a flourishing condition, and is making every effort to have a Chapter-house of her own; the present rented one being very inadequate and a new one being sadly needed to give us the same advantages as our rival Fraternities.

With best wishes to all, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

GEO. P. HEMSTREET.

MAY 6th, 1898.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VT.

As your correspondent writes this letter to **THE CADUCEUS** news has just been received of the outbreak of hostilities with Spain, and he cannot refrain from noticing the gratitude which we must all feel that there are so many ties that bind us together. We are united in the thought that the honor of our government must be upheld, and everywhere in this broad land of ours patriots are signifying their willingness to perform the service. When the First Regiment, V. N. G., leaves for the front Alpha-Lambda of Kappa Sigma will be well represented in it.

Naturally enough, an interest in boating of all kinds is inherent in those whose time is spent near any considerable body of water. Recently this interest has been very actively aroused among the members of Alpha-Lambda. It has resulted in the purchase by several members of the Chapter of the "Robert J." a very swift sailing yacht. An article in the April number of the *Rudder* describes this boat, which holds all records on the lake. Bro. Kingsland, 1901, also owns a fine sailing yacht, the "Valhalla." There seems to be in prospect many a fine sail on old Champlain and many a ringing shout on its surface of "Vive la Kappa Sigma!"

The '99 *Ariel*, which recently made its appearance, is acknowledged by all to be a remarkably fine publication, and to reflect great credit upon its Board of Editors. Bro. Austin, Business Manager, and Bro. Dunlop, Artist, have worked especially hard to make it a success, and now they can be justly proud of their work.

Since our last letter the Conference Committee, a joint committee of students and Faculty to decide matters of common interest, has been revived, with Bro. Robbins, '98, Chairman of the student portion.

Bro. Austin, '99, has been elected President of the University Track Athletic Association.

Bro. Richmond, 1900, has left College to enter a dental school. Richmond made an enviable record as pitcher on last year's 'Varsity team, and his loss is a severe one to the College and to Alpha-Lambda.

Recently Alpha Phi, a local society here, was organized into a Chapter of Sigma Nu. As a local society it always had a good record, and so we are glad to welcome it as a Chapter of a general Fraternity. An Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has also been organized in the city.

After reading the articles on Brown and Beta-Alfa in the March CADUCEUS we are more glad than ever of Kappa Sigma's entrance into the University. It is a step which is bound to be a successful one, if we judge rightly the calibre of Beta-Alfa's men.

We will close with best greetings to the new Chapters at the University of Missouri and at Washington and Jefferson College. A hearty grip to all Kappa Sigmas.

Fraternally,

CHAS. A. TRACY.

APRIL 22d, 1898.

ALPHA-NU.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

The gentle reminder of Bro. Martin brings us to recollect that it becomes, for the first time, the pleasing duty of our new scribe to relate the happenings of Alpha-Nu and our College.

Springtime is silently stealing upon us, and with it comes the recollection that we have just passed the dreaded quarterly examinations. In looking back over the records of our men we have much to be proud of. Several of our boys are leading their classes and others have taken their stand

in the foremost ranks, with the determination to honor Kappa Sigma and to show their ability by gaining laurels for themselves. It is a source of much pleasure to us to know that we have set a standard of scholarship that helps to give Alpha-Nu much of its honored prestige in College circles.

Our outlook for base-ball this season is unusually encouraging. We have played our first game with Wake Forest, and although we lost the game to our old rival "Tarheels," we were encouraged by the work of our team. Bro. Hall, our regular pitcher, surprised his friends, and even his brothers, by the cleverness and speed with which he "shot the sphere over the plate." He yielded only seven hits to the heavy sluggers of North Carolina, and showed much grit and those staying qualities which go to make up a good pitcher. We will put upon the diamond this year the strongest nine Wofford has had for a good many years. We have four Kappa Sigmas on the team, and Bro. Bennett, our Manager, predicts nothing short of the championship of the State. Bro. Burnette, our crack first baseman, is the heaviest batter and best all-around player on the team. Bro. Leonard plays centre beautifully and bats well.

With all our enthusiasm in athletics, we have been as equally awake to the duties of our Chapter. Since our last letter we take pleasure in introducing to Kappa Sigma the names of Bros. W. Rives Crum, of Rowesville, S. C., and Vernon Few, of Hendersonville, N. C. Both of our new brothers are scholarly students and possess strong moral characters.

College life has become very active and interesting now. We are enjoying our Fraternity life more than ever. There is a feeling of sincere love and a warmth of fellowship which binds more closely the bonds of brotherhood.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new brothers of the University of Missouri and Washington and Jefferson College. We are confident that they will keep pace with the

standard set by all loyal Kappa Sigmas, and soon become strong, active Chapters. We are verily becoming mighty.

Hoping to hear the most encouraging reports from all the Chapters, and with a hearty feeling for all of Kappa Sigma, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ERNEST HIGGINS.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-XI.

BETHEL COLLEGE, RUSSELLVILLE, KY.

Alpha-Xi has not added a single name to her Chapter roll since Bro. DaCosta Walker, of Hot Springs, Ark., was initiated in the winter, but this condition does not mean that the Chapter is lacking in energy or enthusiasm. We occupy a position extremely creditable in College circles, and this position, together with the traditions of Kappa Sigma, demand that we hold aloof from a scramble for inferior members.

Internally we are expanding. Our love for the Fraternity is ever kept alive, and by means of its ties our College days are made joyous under all circumstances.

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new Chapters, and wish them many years of steady growth.

Fraternally,

J. HENRY MOORE.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-OMICRON.

KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, KY.

Alpha-Omicron has failed to appear now for some time, and for this we owe an humble apology. Our former correspondent, Bro. Ashbrook Frank, has, on account of ill health,

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been forced to give up most of his College work and with it his duty as our correspondent. He had expected, however, to be able to write each month, but finds now that it will be impossible for him to do so.

Although Alpha-Omicron has had no letter for some time, she has nevertheless been quite busy, and has helped seven men over the rough places and through the mysterious paths of Kappa Sigma. I would like to introduce to the Kappa Sigma world Bros. Atkinson, Heckel, Shanks, Miner, Hibbler, Stone, and Mann. Kappa Sigma has secured in these men the best in College. Bro. Stone is Captain and pitcher of this year's base-ball team. He and your correspondent have been the battery for the base-ball team for the past three years.

As is perhaps known to many Kappa Sigmas, comparatively little work can be done here in Kentucky University, owing to the opposition of both the student body and the Faculty. We have always endeavored, and will do so in the future, to do as best we can under the circumstances, and to acquit ourselves as becomes Kappa Sigmas. We were unable to accomplish much last year, but began this year, thinking we would have no trouble. It is evident, though, that last year's fight will be fought again.

We have had the pleasure of having our W. G. M., Bro. Travis, with us for a few days, and while here tendered him a banquet. We feel greatly benefited by his visit, and regret that it is not possible for him to be with us oftener. The banquet was made memorable by the fact that two of the S. E. C. were present, the other being our W. G. P., Bro. Ballard. Bro. Ballard will leave soon for a trip through the South, and will probably visit a number of the Chapters.

In our election last week your correspondent was elected G. M.; Bro. Shanks, G. M. C.; Bro. Miner, G. P., and Bro. Hibbler, G. S.

Bro. M. D. Foreman has accepted the Chair of Math-

ematics in Amarillo College, Texas, presided over by another Kappa Sigma, Bro. J. D. Hamlin.

With best wishes and a hearty grip for all Kappa Sigmas, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

HARRY LAUDERDALE.

APRIL 15th, 1898.

ALPHA-PI.

WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

Since our last letter Alpha-Pi has enjoyed two visits from members of Chi. At the annual Pan-Hellenic dance Bros. Good, Means, and Ferris were with us, and helped swell Kappa Sigma's representation. On the following night we danced in honor of the visiting brothers in our own hall, lately changed, and a great improvement on the old. On the 30th inst. we are expecting a visit from the entire Chapter. On that day Purdue will play Wabash here, and Chi's men will attend in a body. We highly appreciate the advantages of a close association with our sister Chapters, and are very glad that Chi and Alpha-Pi are so located that this is possible.

The base-ball season opens to-morrow with a game with the University of Indianapolis on Wabash field. Of our men Bro. Carter occupies his old place as chief gardener in centre field. Bro. Eckley may pitch some, and others are trying for positions.

The Glee Club completed a most successful tour a few days ago. Bro. Eckley is leader of the mandolins, and Bros. O. B. Smith and Stevenson have places. The club has just been engaged to sing at the celebrated Indiana resort, Winona Lake, for the week beginning July 4th, and the boys are now arranging for a two weeks' tour following Commencement.

We are heartily glad to welcome Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta into the fold. We are particularly glad to greet the latter, because the "daddy" of Beta-Delta is a son of Alpha-Pi.

We hope to report two or three in our next letter whom we consider worthy to wear the badge.

With cordial regards to all in the bonds, I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. H. McCLURE.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-RHO.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

Bro. Hicks, '95, and Bro. Baker, '96, have recently visited us. We are always glad to see our Alumni brothers, even if their stay is for but a day.

Bro. Carmichael, '97, recently remembered us with a pleasing ode to Alpha-Rho. The brothers were very much gratified at this evidence of loyalty.

The classes have held their annual elections. Bro. Willey becomes Vice-President of 1900; Bro. Wignott, Secretary and Treasurer, of '99.

The annual indoor meet proved to be one of the best in Bowdoin's history. Bro. Cloudman won third place in the shot put, and Bro. Wignott broke all previous records in pole vaulting.

A new feature has been introduced into Bowdoin, namely, a Sophomore-Freshman debate. Bro. Willey will be one to represent 1900.

The night of March 22d found a jolly company assembled in the dining-hall of the Marston House, the occasion being Alpha-Rho's third annual banquet. There were present Bros. Clark, Dole, Gribbin, Hewitt, Rhodes, and Smith, '97; also Bros. White, Barron, and Morrill from Psi. After

our material wants had been satisfied the following toasts were called by Toast-master Wignott; "Psi," Bro. White (Psi); "Ninety-eight," Bro. Hamlin; "Our Alumni," Bro. Hewitt, '97; "Ninety-nine," Bro. Churchill; "The Ladies," Bro. Thomas; "Nineteen Hundred," Bro. Bragdon; "New Chapters," Bro. Clement; "Nineteen Hundred and One," Bro. Cloudman; "Alpha-Rho," Bro. Holmes.

One of the pleasantest events of the evening was the reading of a letter from Bro. Carmichael, '97, who was kept away by his duties at Philadelphia. It was a letter brimful of Kappa Sigma spirit, and impressed us more than ever with the value of our great Fraternity.

At a late hour the company broke up after cheering:

"Rah, 'Rah, Rah! Crescent and Star!

Vive la! Vive la! Kappa Sigma!"

Thus ended Alpha-Rho's third birthday.

Fraternally yours,

APRIL 9th, 1898.

ELBERT B. HOLMES.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Spring, which has brought to the world at large its joys and delights, has brought to our University a sad loss in the death of David S. Kellicott, Professor of Zoology and Entomology. A Kappa Sigma, Bro. Landacre, who has been Assistant Professor in this department, will assume full charge during the remainder of the year.

In athletics the clouds of debt which have been overhanging and threatening to overwhelm us have begun to roll by, and hope of better times is strong within the hearts of all.

By a combination of ill-fortune, such as the failure of the bank in which the Athletic Association's funds were deposited, poor attendance at College games, and bad weather

our debt accumulated rapidly. It was so large in fact that at the beginning of the year the Faculty forbade all intercollegiate games until a disposition was shown by the students to raise the debt. This stirred up students, professors, and Alumni alike. New plans were formulated. The constitution of the old Athletic Association was changed and new officers were elected. Bro. Butcher was chosen President of the new Athletic Association, and by popular subscription and entertainments of various kinds the debt was rapidly diminished, and we are free again.

Our base-ball team gives promise of being the best in our history, and what this means our rivals upon the diamond will understand.

While Alpha-Sigma has taken a prominent part in all things pertaining to the College, yet the social side of Fraternity life has not been neglected. Recently we celebrated our fourth annual banquet at the Neil House. The majority of the Alumni were present, as was Bro. Thomas, of Purdue. May every succeeding banquet be as enjoyable is the wish of your correspondent.

Attorney-General Monnett recently gave a formal reception to the Fraternities of the University, at which Alpha-Sigma was present in full force.

We have no new members to report this time, but two are now at the outside gate begging entrance, and we expect to welcome them within the * * * * * before the next letter appears.

The Chapter-house question is one of supreme moment with us now, and while we have rented a good house for a couple of years, yet to own a Chapter-house is the highest wish of us all. Such is the plausibility of our plans that if I mistake not next year will find us within a new Chapter-house.

Alpha-Sigma has had the pleasure of extending the grip to several visiting brothers since our last letter. Among

them Bro. Swain, of Purdue; Bro. Ferrier, of Swarthmore, and Bro. Greenen, of Butler. We are always glad to meet our brothers from other Chapters, for by this means as by no other are we kept in touch with our sister Chapters.

The departure of the Seventeenth Regiment for the frontier has given added impetus to the war fever among the students, and large numbers are joining the National Guard. May Cuba be free and Spain subdued in short order is the wish of all.

Alpha-Sigma extends greetings to the new Chapters.

With best wishes for all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Fraternally yours,

APRIL 22d, 1898.

L. M. LISLE.

ALPHA-TAU.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA, GA.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS Alpha-Tau has initiated into her fold two men worthy in every respect to wear the Crescent and Star. It is with great pleasure that I introduce Bros. Henry Crumbliss and Geo. J. Howard. Bro. Crumbliss hails from Kingston, Tenn., and has a brother who has been a member of our Fraternity for some time. Bro. Howard comes to us from Augusta, Ga.

It is gratifying to note the rapid progress our Fraternity has been making. Long live Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta! Welcome, brothers, into the mystic bonds of love and fellowship, and may you meet with the success worthy of the faith reposed in you.

We have at last had our former hall returned to us, and soon we will be installed in our old home.

We have been waiting to hear of the next Conclave, and where it will be held. There are several reasons why it should be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., and it is hoped by all whom we have seen that this place will be named.

It was with regret that we saw our good Bro. Frank B. Freyer depart for Annapolis, Md., to enter the Naval Academy. It will be quite a while before our Chapter will repair the loss. He was a good worker, and we miss him.

With congratulations for the new Chapters and a hearty grip for all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Fraternally,

HY. LUDLOW JORDAN.

APRIL 21st, 1898.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

A number of interesting events have taken place since our letter to the March CADUCEUS, among them being the anniversary of the Galloway Literary Society, the Field Day exercises, and the contest for speakers' places to represent the Class of '98 at Commencement. On all of these occasions Kappa Sigmas took prominent parts. Bro. Andrews was selected as one of the representatives of the Class of '98 in the contest for the Orator's Medal. He is also the anniversarian of the Lamar Literary Society.

The annual Field Day athletic contests were held on April 15th. They were very interesting, and were witnessed by a large number of spectators. Bro. F. M. Holloman was the winner of the hurdle race and the 220 yards dash.

On the occasion of the Galloway Society's anniversary two Kappa Sigmas took part in the exercises, Bro. B. H. Locke being anniversarian and Bro. J. B. Mitchell one of the orators. Both acquitted themselves in such a way as to reflect honor upon themselves and the society.

The social event of the College year thus far was the reception given by the Chapter to its friends on the evening of the Galloway anniversary. The Chapter's rooms were prettily and tastefully decorated with a profusion of flowers

of all kinds, the gifts of Alpha-Upsilon's loyal Kappa Sigma girls, and in the soft lamplight presented a very beautiful appearance indeed. A large number of guests were present, and the time was pleasantly passed in conversation. Refreshments were served on the large balcony in front of the Chapter-hall. At a late hour the guests left, having had, so every one said, a very pleasant time. Quite a number of Kappa Sigma girls from Belhaven College were among the guests, and by their presence added not a little to the pleasantness of the occasion.

The Chapter is now in a very prosperous condition indeed. We have just finished furnishing the smaller of our two rooms, so that we now have two well-furnished rooms.

Of course we are all very much gratified by the progress of Kappa Sigma, as indicated in the founding of new Chapters, especially when they are at institutions of such high standing as those which Kappa Sigma has entered this year.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT B. RICKETTS.

APRIL 19th, 1898.

ALPHA-PHI.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS we have added another member to our roll who is in every respect worthy to wear the Star and Crescent—Bro. Arthur Ledlie Hanna, 1900, of Plantsville, Conn.

The base-ball season has opened at Bucknell, and at date of writing it is hard to tell what kind of a team we will have. We hope, however, that it will be successful. Bro. Catterall is doing "star" work behind the bat as usual. Bro. Griffith is putting up good ball at second base, and Bro. Jenkinson is maintaining his excellent record in right field.

A new running track has been put down on the athletic

field. Bucknell will take part as usual in the annual relay races to be held at the University of Pennsylvania. We are classed with Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania College, and Dickinson College. We hope to be as successful as last year, when we won the pennant.

Several new regulations have been passed by the Faculty of the College in respect to Fraternities. No student in College can join a Fraternity until he shall have successfully completed the work of his Freshman year, or, if he be a special student in College, his first year's work, and received a certificate from the President certifying to this fact. No member of the preparatory school can be pledged. All class Fraternities are abolished. There was but one class Fraternity at Bucknell, Theta Delta Tau, which only initiated Freshmen who were Fraternity men.

Bro. Gilpin has been re-elected Editor-in-chief of the *Orange and Blue*, our weekly paper. Bro. King was recently elected President of the Bucknell Mandolin and Guitar Club, of which Bro. Schilling is the efficient leader.

Bro. Lindemann, '98, in addition to his regular work in College, is teaching this term in the Academy and Institute.

We enjoyed visits this term thus far from Bros. Rapp, of Alpha-Epsilon, and Thomas, of Alpha-Delta, both of whom are true and loyal Kappa Sigmas. Bro. Collins, '97, also recently paid us a visit. He has just finished his term as Principal of the Huntington Mills Graded Schools, where he made an enviable record. He is now registered as a law student under the Hon. Henry Clay McCormick, our Commonwealth's Attorney-General.

Alpha-Phi congratulates Beta-Gamma and Beta-Delta upon their entrance into Kappa Sigma.

With best wishes to all wearers of the Star and Crescent,
I am, Fraternally,

OLIVER J. DECKER.

APRIL 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-OMEGA.**WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.**

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS we have not taken in any new men, but we have been keeping pace with the rest of the Greeks at William Jewell.

Nothing of special interest has occurred here since our last letter. We lose three men this year, Bros. Yates, Bywaters, and Wood graduating. This leaves us with the same number of men to start in next fall that we had last September.

The founding of Beta-Gamma Chapter at Missouri State University was a consummation long and devoutly wished for by us, and we do not feel as lonesome as we did in this big State by ourselves.

We gladly welcome all of the new Chapters, and trust that they will ever keep up the standard.

The Greeks at William Jewell have passed the year in an exceptionally harmonious manner. None of the Chapters here have Chapter-houses, but all have rented rooms.

The Chapter rolls number as follows: Phi Gamma Delta, 3; Kappa Sigma, 9; Kappa Alpha, 11, and Sigma Nu, 14.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

J. W. SYDNOR.

APRIL 15th, 1898.

BETA-ALPHA.**BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.**

During the hurly-burly of last term's examination and the new work of this term we have endeavored to remember our duty to Kappa Sigma, and I think that we can truthfully report favorable progress.

Everybody is interested in base-ball just now. Brown's

prospects are very good this year, and Kappa Sigma is represented on the squad by Bro. C. J. Patton. In track athletics we expect much of Bro. Hall. He has already won many prizes, and is one of the two fastest "distance men" in College.

Two of our publications, *The Brunonian* and the *Brown Magazine*, have been consolidated. Bro. Johnson has been elected Editor-in-chief of the new magazine, which will be known as *The Brunonian*.

We expect to initiate five or six "good men and true" into the mysteries of our brotherhood in a week or two, but I cannot as yet say just how many lucky ones there will be. In "staid, conservative old Brown" we have to seek quality rather than quantity.

Brothers, we thank you again for the words of encouragement that we have received by letters and through THE CADUCEUS. As the days go by we desire the bonds of love and loyalty to bind us close to each other and to the Fraternity. We take this opportunity of congratulating our younger brothers. All the good wishes that we have received, together with our own, we pass on to Beta-Beta, Beta-Gamma, and Beta-Delta.

With the best wishes for all our brotherhood, I am,

Fraternally yours,

DANIEL O. WEBSTER.

APRIL 18th, 1898.

BETA-BETA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, RICHMOND, VA.

The privilege of appearing in THE CADUCEUS as a well organized Chapter will always be considered by us a great victory. We had many trying disappointments in establishing our Chapter, yet we had a true brother in sympathy with

us, and his untiring efforts in our behalf was the main cause of our ultimate success. We refer to Bro. Herbert M. Martin, W. G. S. We fully appreciate the kind greetings we have received from all our sister Chapters, and wish we could only show a higher appreciation of their welcome than by a mere cold acknowledgment. We have entered into the Fraternity world willingly, and intend to enter fully into the true spirit of a fraternal life. We look upon our Fraternity in general as something grand and majestic. We feel that our life is materially changed and know it is for the better. We would feel that our purpose had been defeated if future Kappa Sigmas at Richmond College should treat the Fraternity as a mere plaything, and not consider it as a tie that binds their life to higher ideals.

The charter members of Beta-Beta, eight in number, were William Loftin Prince, Sussex C. H., Va.; Charles Craddock Barksdale, Houston, Va.; Robert Lee Williams, Sugar Grove, Va.; Harry Rew, Parksley, Va.; William Gary Bidgood, Churchland, Va.; Robert Opie Norris, Jr., Lively Oak, Va.; Robert Nelson Pollard, Richmond, Va., and Norman Gara Woodson, Fincastle, Va. We have affiliated Thomas Edward Moran (Nu), Richmond, Va., and take pleasure in introducing our two recent initiates, Thomas Temple, Templeton, Va., and Hal Crockett Raper, Austinville, Va.

Our Chapter possesses men of varied attainments, some of whom have attained distinction in different lines of College work. Bro. Prince, who takes his B. A. this year, has been elected final President of the Philologian Society. Bro. Williams, B. L., '99, was a star member of the '97 foot-ball team. He has been elected by the Mu Sigma Rho Society as final orator for the June celebration, and, together with Bro. Woodson, represented the same society on the recent public debate. Bro. Temple, B. L., '98, represents the Law Association on the staff of the College annual, *The Spider*. Bro. Williams is Kappa Sigma's representative on the same publi-

cation. The other members of the Chapter, who are for the most part first-year men, are pursuing the regular academic course, and hold offices of minor importance in the several College organizations.

There are four Fraternities represented in Richmond College, viz.: Kappa Alpha, with ten members; Phi Kappa Sigma, with fourteen members; Phi Gamma Delta, with ten members, and Kappa Sigma, with eleven members. There are more than two hundred non-Fraternity men in College. Great good-will and harmony seemingly prevails among the majority of the Greeks, and we have been the recipients of hearty congratulations and cordial greetings on almost all sides.

Beta-Beta is fortunate in having the support and co-operation of a number of brothers living in the city, whom we are always glad to welcome at our meetings, their experience and advice being very helpful to us in our maiden efforts in Fraternity life.

With high hopes of a successful career for Beta-Beta, and greetings the kindest for Kappa Sigma at large, I am,
Fraternally,

APRIL 12th, 1898.

N. G. WOODSON.

BETA-GAMMA.

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA, MO.

In this, Beta-Gamma's first letter to THE CADUCEUS, we desire to assure all Kappa Sigmas that we appreciate the high honor which they have bestowed upon us and our University, and that to preserve the high standard and fair name of our Fraternity shall always be our greatest pleasure as well as duty.

Bro. George Vaughan, of Little Rock, Ark., initiated us into the secrets of the Order, assisted by Bros. A. J. Myer (Xi)



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and B. S. J. Green (Omega), two Alumni members from St. Louis. We greatly enjoyed their visit, only regretting that they could not remain with us longer, but we hope to have the pleasure of seeing them often in the future.

Our first meeting was held under the supervision of Bro. Vaughan. We elected Bro. W. H. Turner, G. M.; Bro. J. C. Edwards, G. P.; Bro. T. B. Marbut, G. M. C.; Bro. E. P. Weatherly, G. T., and Bro. G. G. Robertson, G. S. Bros. Row and Bond were appointed Guards, and Bro. Robertson Chapter Correspondent. Our other members are Bros. Terrell, Barnhart, and Tate. The size of our Chapter is small, but we make up what we lack in numbers by our enthusiasm and zeal for Kappa Sigma.

Several of our brothers have enlisted in a volunteer company which is being organized among the students, and from latest reports they have every chance of going to the front at once. May they return safely.

We have been cordially received by many of the other Fraternities in the University, and thanks are especially due to Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi for their kindnesses to us.

The numerous warm letters of congratulations and greetings received from sister Chapters have encouraged us greatly, showing that all Kappa Sigmas throughout the land are our true brothers in word and deed.

Fraternally,

APRIL 25th, 1898.

G. G. ROBERTSON.

BETA-DELTA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.

Beta-Delta, not four days old, has been asked for a letter. With youthful modesty we make this our first appearance before the Kappa Sigma world, and begin our career. We rejoice in even being the youngest Chapter of such a "time-

honored" brotherhood, and hope that we may ever prove worthy of the honor conferred upon us.

It was about three o'clock in the morning of the 16th that we in reality became the Beta-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma at Washington and Jefferson College. By that time eight excellent fellows had been led within the * * * * * to become "a band of brothers inseparable." After the election of officers we proceeded to serenade the other Fraternities, as well as the Female Seminary, which by chance came in our way. Over and over again we gave with loyal spirit the

"Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Crescent and Star!
Vive la! Vive la! Kappa Sigma!"

After this we had served a bounteous repast, which we did justice to with the greatest of pleasure. The shadows of night had begun to steal away and the morning of a new day to approach over the hills when nine rejoicing brothers parted for their places of rest.

Since that time we have little to report in the way of progress. We are going to use for our meetings this year a secret order hall of the city. Next year we are planning to go into a house if we can secure one. While we are young in comparison with the other Chapters here, we hope to be able soon to take our place among the best of them. Our men are representative men of the College. Some have been worked hard by other Fraternities. We feel that we not only have the good-will of the other Fraternities, but of the Faculty and student body in general. *The Washington Supper Table*, in commenting upon the new Fraternity, says: "The new Fraternity men are among the most popular men in the College, and give good standing to the new organization, which is destined to become the leading one in the life of the institution."

We also come in for our share of the honors. We have the Literary Editor of the *Jeffersonian*, who also is on the

Pandora Board. We have the first-honor man of the Freshman Class, who is also a splendid runner, as well as being the President of the class. We shall be represented on the football team next fall, a team which has been scored against only once in the last two years, and that by the University of Pennsylvania, when we were one of the few teams to score against her. We have two splendid basket-ball players, a game which is very much of an attraction here during the winter term. One of our men was chosen by contest as one of the six Junior orators to speak here Commencement. The men are all good students. So taking it as a whole we feel rather elated over our prospects. There are just ten charter members, one of which has not been initiated yet.

The opening here for a new Fraternity was very good, since only about thirty per cent. of the students were Fraternity men. Attempts have been made in the last few years by other Fraternities to establish Chapters here, but they failed in getting hold of the men. I saw the opening when I came here in the fall from Alpha-Pi, and wrote to Bro. H. M. Martin about it, and Beta-Delta is the result.

Our officers as elected are: G. M., Bro. R. P. Lippincott; G. P., Bro. C. W. Stone; G. M. C., Bro. W. P. Craig; G. S., Bro. H. K. Underwood; G. T., Bro. L. D. Hemingway; C., Bro. John R. Musgrave; Guards, Bros. E. C. Cleeland and J. C. W. Busch. Our other two men are Bros. A. B. Jolson and J. B. Rogers.

We appreciate very much the great number of greetings and words of encouragement we have received from our sister Chapters. We shall strive to repay the kindness of these by endeavoring to ever keep and preserve the reputation of Kappa Sigma unsullied at Washington and Jefferson.

With kindest regards to all Kappa Sigmas, and a warm sympathetic feeling for our new sister Chapters, I am,

Yours in the bonds of Kappa Sigma,

APRIL 19th, 1898.

R. P. LIPPINCOTT.

PERSONALS.

GAMMA.

John W. Kilbaume is now in charge of his father's large cotton plantations at Ashley, La.

ZETA.

Bro. Albert B. Lambert, '94, was married to Miss Myrtle McGrew in St. Louis on the twenty-third of March last. Bro. Lambert was an energetic member of Zeta Chapter during his college days, and at the Conclaves of '94 and '96 was a prominent figure. THE CADUCEUS wishes the happy couple many years of joyous life.

NU.

Dr. John P. Davidson has been chosen Professor of Diseases of the Eye, Ear, and Throat by the Medical College of Virginia. Of his appointment a Richmond paper has the following to say:

"Dr. Davidson is a native of Rockbridge County, and is only twenty-eight years of age. He received his academic education at Washington and Lee University, and graduated in medicine at the University of Virginia. He has since been the resident physician at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, and is at present the House Surgeon at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York, a position he has held two years.

" 'Dr. Davidson is unquestionably one of the most promising oculists in this country,' said a leading Richmond physician, in discussing the selection, 'and I predict he will reach a foremost place.' "

Hon. E. J. Brugh died at his home in Fincastle, Virginia, on March 25th last. Bro. Brugh was a lawyer of ability,

and had served in the Virginia Legislature. He leaves a wife and two children.

PHI.

'98. John H. Long is in the tobacco business in Clarksville, Tenn., of the firm of John H. Long & Co. Bro. James Kendrick is also connected with this firm.

Dr. Theo. Bringhurst is practicing dentistry in Clarksville.

Howard D. Pettus was recently elected City Treasurer of Clarksville. As he succeeded Bro. H. E. Beach, it seems that Phi's men have acquired a reputation as financiers.

'96. Wm. M. Daniel is junior partner of one of Clarksville's most prominent law firms, Daniel & Daniel.

OMEGA.

C. B. Smith, '98, is now an assistant at the Mississippi State Hospital, Vicksburg, Miss.

ALPHA-ZETA.

J. H. Short, '96, has been appointed Collector of Customs for the Western District of Mississippi, with headquarters at Vicksburg.

ALPHA-ETA.

Algernon Sartoris, a grandson of General U. S. Grant, has been appointed a lieutenant-colonel upon the staff of Major General Fitzhugh Lee.

John Womack Wright has been appointed a Captain in the Tennessee volunteers, and has left Washington to assume his duties.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

The engagement of W. H. Lighty to Miss Mary E. Young, of Philadelphia, is announced. Bro. Lighty was a member of the Class of '96 at Cornell, and is now one of the corps of instructors of the Self-Culture Hall Association of St. Louis, Mo.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

D. G. McLaurin is teaching at Oak Ridge, Warren Co., Miss.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

J. J. Bowman, '97, who was largely instrumental in establishing the Alpha-Omega Chapter, being a charter member of the same, is now Editor of the Dent County *Democrat*, an eight-page weekly published at Salem, Mo.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

The new buildings at the University of Virginia have been completed, and will be dedicated during Commencement week.

Co-education seems to be upon the decline in North Carolina. There are but four women enrolled as students at the State University.

The Cornell Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has occupied its new house, built at a cost of \$12,000. Much of this money was raised by selling bonds to Alumni of the Chapter.

The Pennsylvania College correspondent of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* states that an attempt is being made to revive the Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at that institution.

Kappa Kappa Gamma will hold its fourteenth national Convention at Lincoln, Neb. The dates are from August 23d to 30th, 1898. It will be noticed that a full week is taken up by the Convention.

Kappa Alpha has elected a new Editor for its journal, and it is understood the next issue will appear in May. The new Editor is Mr. S. M. Wilson, Centre College, '92, and the place of publication will be Lexington, Kentucky.

The recent convention of Phi Kappa Psi, held in Philadelphia, was an unqualified success. At the banquet two hundred and fifty-two were present. Columbus, Ohio, was chosen as the place for the next Conclave.

Many of the Colleges seem to be giving consideration to Fraternity membership and prescribing its limitations. It

is now reported that William Jewell College will prohibit students from joining Fraternities until their Junior year.

During the year ending December, 1897, Phi Kappa Psi initiated 255 members, making the grand total of Fraternity membership 7,593. It is interesting to note that with a Chapter roll of forty the Fraternity is only represented in eight institutions with less than two hundred male students.

In commemoration of its fifteenth anniversary banquet Theta Delta Chi has issued a most attractive menu card, containing the fac simile of the autographs of all those present on the happy occasion. The whole menu card is an unique souvenir, and we are sure much credit is due Editor Holmes for its design.

The Alumni of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, most of whom reside in Philadelphia, are going to build a club-house and Chapter-house combined, to be situated near the University of Pennsylvania campus. The house is to cost \$40,000, and work is to begin in the spring. This will be the first house of its kind.

Columbian University has nearly one thousand students. There are five Fraternities, represented with a total membership of seventy-nine. Bucknell has five hundred students, and there are five Fraternities, with a total membership of fifty-six. On the other hand, Washington and Lee, with one hundred and thirty-seven students, has eleven Fraternities, with a total membership of seventy-five.

The Psi Upsilon Fraternity formally dedicated a new Chapter-house at Syracuse University, January 30th. Among other members of the Fraternity representatives of the General Council and prominent Alumni were present. The dedicatory rites were followed by a banquet in the new house. The toast-master was chosen from among the insti-

tutors of the Chapter in 1875. At present there are eighteen men housed in the new building, and there are accommodations for more.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

Washington and Jefferson is to celebrate her centennial anniversary on a grand scale in 1899. At present the Alumni of the institution are working to increase the endowment \$25,000 by that time. The new library project of the College is rapidly assuming definite form. The building will be on the style of the Congressional Library in Washington, and will cost \$100,000. The Freshman Class, numbering nearly 100, is one of the largest in the history of the College. The Class of '97 graduated forty-two men. Washington and Jefferson is fast regaining the position she held in ante-bellum times.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Chapter of Theta Xi has renounced further allegiance to its Fraternity. Theta Xi has never had but four Chapters, has always confined itself to scientific institutions, and was presumably intensely homogeneous. Its remaining branches are at Rensselaer, the parent; Stevens Institute and Sheffield School (Yale Scientific Department). Its Technology Chapter was doubtless its most influential member, and will doubtless seriously cripple the organization. A small quarterly periodical has been for some years spasmodically maintained by the Yale Chapter.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The original charter of the Harvard Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which was lost several years ago and found again at a sale of antiquities last year, has been given by William and Mary College to the College Library. This charter was granted in 1779 by "the members of the meeting Alpha of William and Mary College, Virginia," to their brother. Elisha Parmeli, of the University of Cambridge. Parmeli received the charter in person from the meeting Alpha in

Virginia. He was allowed to stop at New Haven on his homeward journey, that he might organize there a Yale branch. The Yale Fraternity is thus older than that of Harvard.—*Cornell Sun*.

The young women at the University of Nebraska have given a minstrel show for the benefit of the base-ball team, and are now planning a girls' field day for the benefit of the cinder track. A local minister, on the Sunday following the minstrel show, preached a sermon against State universities, using as his arguments the boat race, the college yell, and foot-ball, his climax being the performance by the girls already referred to. Nebraska girls are not newcomers at athletics, for they sent out some time since a champion at tennis. The University is not entirely given up to athletics, however, and is arranging for three inter-collegiate debates—with Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri. The Board of Regents has just established a school of domestic science, or cooking school. The total attendance at the University this year is 1,901, 200 being in the affiliated schools.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

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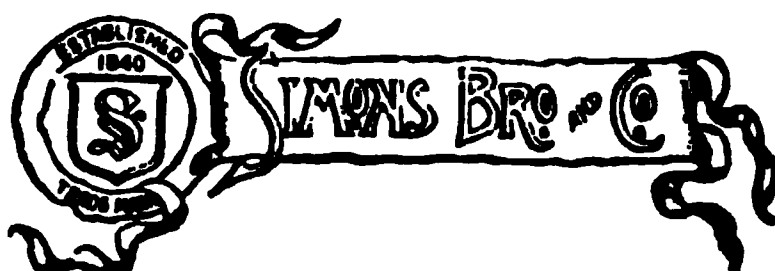
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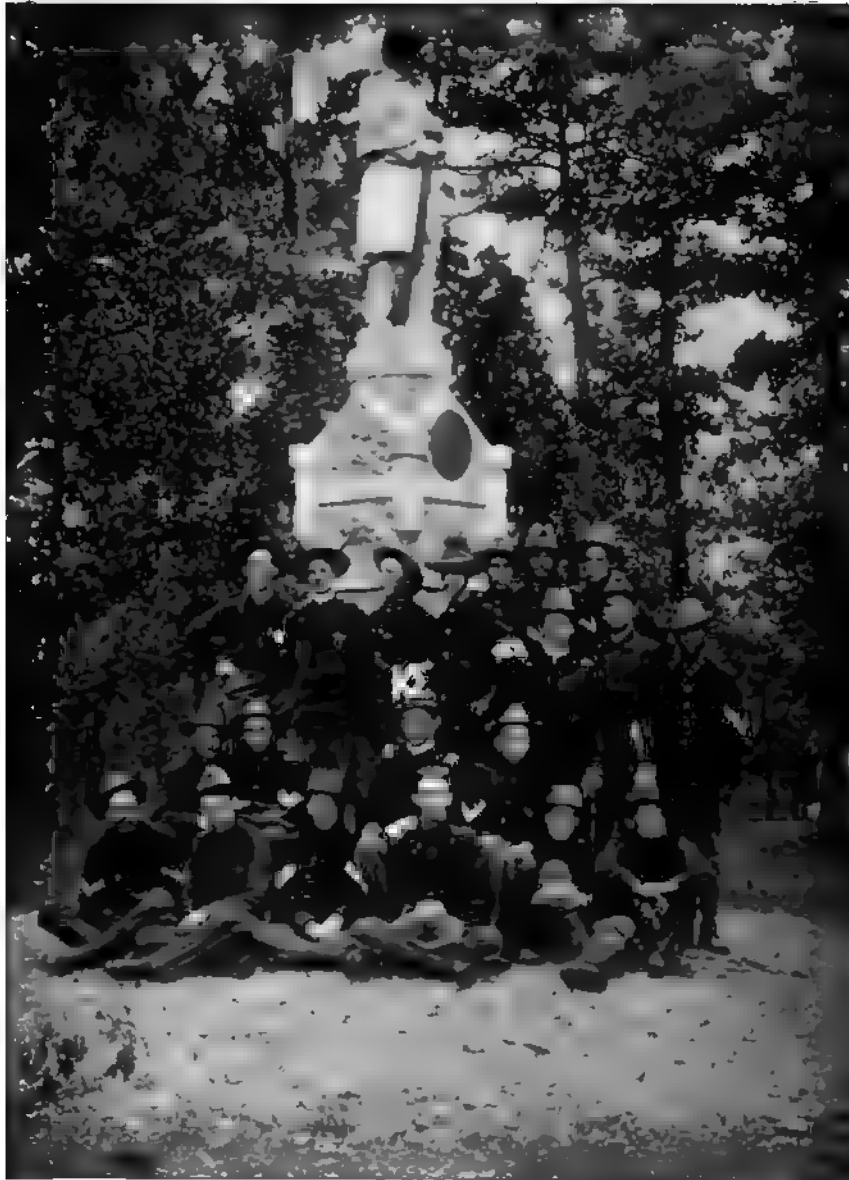
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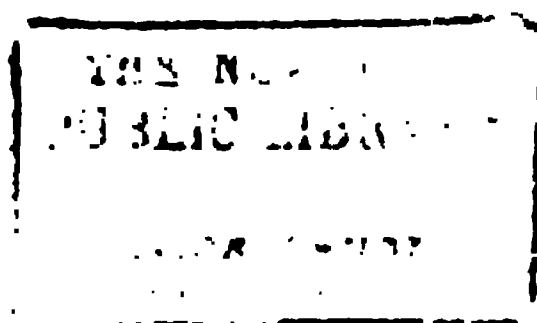
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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

In 1848, the same year that marked the admission of Wisconsin as a State, the State Legislature authorized the founding of a State University, and in 1851 the first building (North Hall) was erected. In 1866 the University was reorganized by an Act of Legislature, joining to it the Agricultural School. The University is supported by grants from the State, certain fixed taxes and free gifts, besides legislative grants for building purposes, making an income equal to that of almost any State University.

The standards of admission and of scholarship are high, being approximately the same as those of the large Eastern schools. Our scientific laboratories are numerous and well

equipped. Among them may be especially mentioned the Chemical Laboratories, six in number, the Physical, Biological, Physiological, Electrical, Pharmaceutical, and Steam Laboratories. The study of the sciences, also aided by the extensive Museum, containing valuable collections of objects of interest and profit to the student.

Perhaps the strongest school in the College of Letters and Science is that of Economics, Political Science, and History. Its Faculty, composed of such men as Professors Ely, Turner, and Haskins, and Drs. Sparling and Sharp, is sufficient guarantee of its excellence. Among the best-known men in the Faculties of the other schools are: Birge in Biology, Barnes in Botany, Rosentengel in German, Snow in Physics, Henry in Experimental Agriculture, Daniells in Chemistry, Bull in Engineering, Van Hise in Geology, Comstock in Astronomy, and Bryant in Law.

The College of Engineering is one of the strongest departments of the University of Wisconsin, having an enrollment of nearly 300, and being provided with excellent facilities for practical work. Its Faculty is strong and well balanced, including many men of national reputation. Our other professional school, the College of Law, has an attendance of about 200, a building of its own, an excellent library, and a Faculty unexcelled in the West.

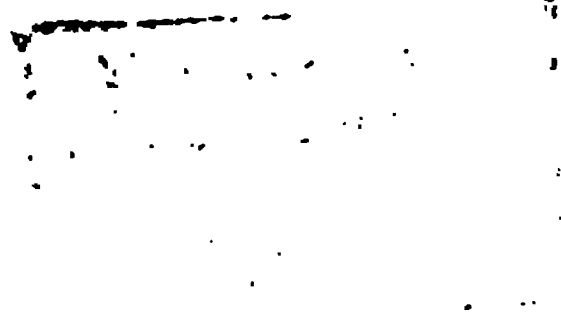
Gymnasium work and military drill are required of all Freshmen and Sophomores. The first is under the direction of Dr. J. C. Elsom, one of the most popular men in the Faculty. Lieutenant J. C. W. Brookes, head of the Military Department, is a graduate of West Point, and a Lieutenant in the United States Artillery. His constant and painstaking work has brought the six companies of the University Regiment to a perfection in equipment and proficiency in drill seldom equalled by a like number of citizen-soldiers.

Wisconsin's reputation of thorough work and excellent equipment is strongly attested by the strength of her grad-



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uate department, which numbers 128, including graduates from most of the great colleges of the country.

Among the most prominent features of Wisconsin's educational system are her debating societies, of which there are ten, scattered about the different schools. Their system of debating has placed the debaters of the University far in advance of her rivals, as is shown by her unvarying success in inter-collegiate debating.

Athletics play an important part in our University life, and are well provided for by our Camp Randall, 'Varsity Boat House and Gymnasium. Further, it is only necessary to point to the past records of all our athletic teams, and to state that for the year 1897-98 we were Western champions of everything save tennis.

Besides the farm buildings, which are located west of University Hill, there are fourteen buildings, all located on University Hill except the "gym." and boat house, one block east on Langdon Street. The remaining twelve structures are the two Observatories, Main Hall, North Hall, South Hall, Law Building, Library, Ladies' Hall, Science Hall, Power House and Heating Plant, Machine Shops, and the Chemical Building.

The government of the University of Wisconsin is divided between the heads, or "Deans," of the various departments, who have complete control, save their slight dependence on the President, of their schools.

The location of the University is ideal. At the west side of the beautiful city of Madison the double-crowned University Hill, bearing the University halls, rises to a height of 100 feet above the lake, and with its stately trees and perfect turf forms a rare scene of beauty.

The splendid location, the wealth, and the excellent Faculty of the University of Wisconsin have combined to place her in the front rank of American educational institutions, a position to which she is surely entitled.

G. WARNER MOSHER.

THE FOUNDING OF BETA-EPSILON.

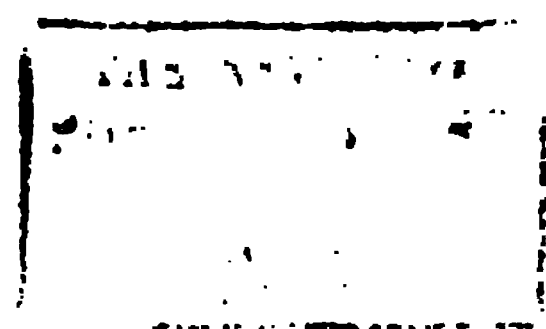
When I entered the University of Wisconsin, in October of '97, I was much pleased to hear through a member of Theta Delta Chi that Bro. McArthur, of Omega, was also in the University. We lost no time in looking each other up, and immediately began to talk of the advisability of organizing a new Chapter. At that time it seemed impossible to secure the men required to make a good Chapter. The field was already occupied by ten or twelve Fraternities, and as I was a graduate student, and Bro. McArthur was in the College of Engineering, it looked extremely difficult for us to find desirable men. There were in the University at that time about six hundred non-Fraternity men, doubtless including much desirable material, but as there is little social life at Wisconsin outside of the Fraternities, about the only opportunity of meeting new men is in the class-room or literary societies.

However, after thinking the matter over carefully and communicating on the subject with the Worthy Grand Scribe, we decided to go ahead and see what could be done. The work was necessarily very slow, as we moved very carefully and quietly, keeping our standard fully up to that of the other Fraternities at Wisconsin. We took in no one until we were familiar with his record and perfectly sure that he was a desirable man.

Consequently, near the close of the college year, when we received the charter, we had together a small but strong Chapter, representing nearly every department of the University, and containing some of the most prominent of the undergraduates. The initiation was arranged for Saturday evening, June 11th, at the Knights of Pythias Hall, and invitations were sent to all of the Chapters and Alumni in that



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section. Various complications prevented three of our men from coming in at that time, and reduced the number of initiates from seven to four.

Bros. Mark Sands (Alpha-Zeta), Guy Miltimore (Alpha-Gamma), and Geo. E. Boyd (Alpha-Gamma), all of Chicago, were present, and although they had been out of college several years, their enthusiasm and familiarity with the ritual showed that they had not forgotten their younger days. The initiation passed off very smoothly, and although Cossa's robbers were at times very numerous and bold, they were successfully evaded. After the initiation we adjourned to the Capital House, where we enjoyed one of the elegant banquets for which this house is famous.

After we had done full justice to the extended menu, Toast-master L. A. Rogers called upon the following brothers for toasts:

"Our Fraternity," Mark Sands, Alpha-Zeta; "Beta-Epsilon," John L. Fisher, Beta-Epsilon; "Our Chicago Alumni," Geo. E. Boyd, Alpha-Gamma; "Our Brothers, North and South," Joseph M. McArthur, Omega; "The University of Wisconsin," William B. Ford, Beta-Epsilon.

Every one present was especially impressed with the fact that Kappa Sigma is in every sense of the word a national Fraternity. This has been very well illustrated by the union of a brother from Florida belonging to a Chapter in Tennessee with a brother from Maine to form a new Chapter in Wisconsin.

Another interesting thing brought out by Bro. McArthur's response was the fact that Alpha-Zeta was founded at the University of Michigan by Bros. Rich, of Psi, and Scott, of Omega, six years before the founding of Beta-Epsilon at the University of Wisconsin, also by brothers from Psi and Omega.

At an early hour Sunday morning the gathering broke up and the morning papers announced that Beta-Epsilon

was established, and that Kappa Sigma had joined the Fraternity circle at Wisconsin.

Sunday afternoon was passed very pleasantly by the Chapter and its guests in driving about the city and along the beautiful lake drive. Although the new Chapter starts with only a few men, those of us who are familiar with the character of its members are very optimistic in regard to its future. Several more will be ready to come in before the end of the year or early next fall.

The Chapter has already rented a fine large house in the fashionable part of the city. Bro. McArthur will return next year, and will be of great value to the Chapter in beginning its work.

He has worked early and late for the success of the Chapter, and it is very largely to his efforts that Kappa Sigma owes her baby Chapter, Beta-Epsilon.

LORE A. ROGERS (Psi).

CHICAGO AT WISCONSIN.

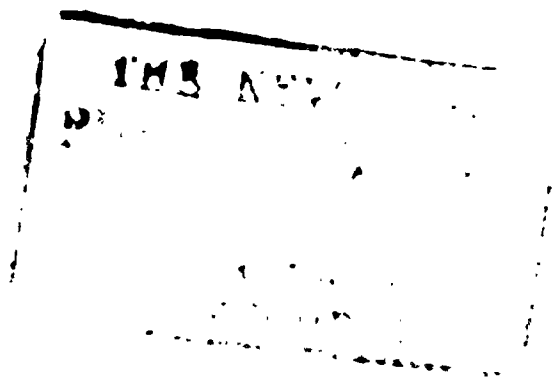
Bros. Guy Miltimore, Geo. E. Boyd, and the writer, Kappa Sigmas from Chicago, took part in the establishment of Beta-Epsilon Chapter at Madison, Wis., June 11th. Too much cannot be said in favor of this latest extension. The University is an excellent institution, and the Beta-Epsilon boys are fine fellows. Bros. McArthur, of Florida, and Rogers, of Maine, are entitled to the highest praise for their good work in planting Kappa Sigma's standard in this great, growing University. In many respects their accomplishment is similar to that of Bros. Scott, Rich, and Storms for Alpha-Zeta Chapter at Ann Arbor. The element of discipline imparted to the new Chapter by Bro. Rogers, and that of fraternal good fellowship by Bro. McArthur, will be remembered and felt in the life of Beta-Epsilon, it is hoped, for years to come.



SUNSET ON LAKE MENDOTA.—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.



SCIENCE HALL AND CHEMICAL LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN,
as seen from Lake Mendota.



The details of the installation of Beta-Epsilon will doubtless be furnished to the readers of **THE CADUCEUS** by some brother from Madison, and so we of Chicago need only say that we had a glorious time, such as only those who have participated in such events can understand. The Beta-Epsilon boys are royal hosts, and we are only waiting for the University to open in the fall, when we are going again.

MARK SANDS.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

A well-known lecturer once said that if one were to go to any part of the world and gather together one hundred men, and then fire off a cannon in their midst, he would be sure to hit some graduate of Washington and Jefferson College.

This statement, though it may appear somewhat exaggerated or a trifle rough, nevertheless gives us some idea of the strength and influence of Washington and Jefferson College.

This College enjoys the proud distinction of being the oldest educational institution west of the Alleghenies. Its history is the history of the progress and growth of education in Western Pennsylvania.

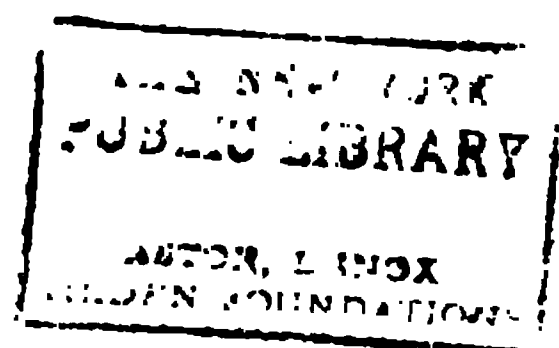
Within ten years after the first general attempt to colonize Western Pennsylvania the educational movement, to which we trace the origin of Washington and Jefferson College, was inaugurated. As early as 1781, the year of the organization of Washington County, the Rev. John McMillan and the Rev. Thaddeus Dodd had each founded a classical school, and in 1785 a third was founded by Rev. Joseph Smith. These three schools were within ten miles of Washington, the county seat, and were designed to meet temporarily the local needs. In 1787 these Presbyterian ministers united with others in the founding of an academy at Washington. They obtained a charter bearing the date of Sep-

tember 24th, 1787, and in 1789 the academy was put into operation under the principalship of Rev. Thaddeus Dodd. The library of the institution owed its origin to the gift of fifty pounds from Benjamin Franklin. The courthouse, in the upper rooms of which the academy was conducted, being burned about 1790, the academy was suspended, and its friends not meeting with encouragement in seeking a new home for it, another academy was organized at Canonsburg, seven miles distant. The successful opening of this new academy stimulated the reopening of the Washington Academy, and thus the friends and patrons of higher education throughout the county became divided. The academy at Canonsburg was chartered by the Supreme Court of the State in 1794, and obtained a charter as Jefferson College January 15th, 1802. The Washington Academy was chartered as Washington College March 28th, 1806. The wisdom of uniting these Colleges was early conceded, and repeated attempts to agree upon a basis of union were made from 1807 to 1852, but they all ended in failure and renewed hostility or rivalry. But in 1865, to secure a gift of \$50,000 offered by the late Rev. Dr. C. C. Beatty, of Steubenville, O., the union was effected under the present title, the question of location being compromised by having a part of the Faculty and students at Canonsburg and the rest at Washington. The Act of Legislature authorizing this union and providing a new charter bears date of March 4th, 1865.

But this dual form proving, after four years of trial, unsatisfactory, a supplementary Act of the Legislature, dated February 16th, 1869, authorized the Board of Trustees, by a two-thirds vote, to select any place within the State and to consolidate all departments of the College at the place selected. It was provided that in case of failure to agree, the question of location should be determined by arbitrators. On the twentieth day of April, 1869, the requisite two-thirds majority of the Board was secured, and the vote cast for



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Washington. The legality of the consolidation was tested in the State courts and in the Supreme Court of the United States, and in each case its legality was affirmed.

The College is under the general control of a Board of Trustees, thirty-one in number, with power to fill vacancies. The instruction and government of students are committed to the Faculty, whose members are elected by the Board of Trustees. Matters relating to student life, such as athletic games and inter-collegiate contests, are determined by the joint action of a committee of the Faculty and representatives of the student body, under general rules of the Faculty.

This in brief is the history of the early founding of this institution. It has flourished all these years. Long before the "sixties" it was recognized as the greatest College of the West. During these "palmy" days its hoary classic halls were crowded with students from the far South and West.

But in the century that has sped by her fame and lustre has not waned, and she stands to-day among the representative colleges of our land.

And now a word in reference to its buildings and location. The main College building, with its broad green campus, occupies a square in the centre of the town of Washington. It has been standing since 1871. To the left of this is the new gymnasium. This "gym." is second in the United States, and was erected in 189—. The structure is beautiful and well equipped. On the right is the old Washington Academy and College building, which is now braving its 105th year.

Plans are now ready and soon the new library building will be commenced. This is to be a costly edifice, and will be erected on the campus.

This new library building will be a monument to the College, and shall fitly usher in the twentieth century.

The athletic park is situated in the southwestern part of the city. It contains seven acres of level ground, and is fitted

out in base-ball diamond, gridiron, running track, tennis grounds, etc.

The Astronomical Observatory is located on well-selected grounds beyond the city limits.

There are in all seven Fraternities at Washington and Jefferson. Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta were founded at this College. About thirty per cent. of the student body are Fraternity men. Kappa Sigma has been well received, and our hopes are very bright for her future welfare.

We congratulate ourselves that we have succeeded in establishing so prominent and popular a Fraternity in so illustrious and aged an institution.

The Alumni of Washington and Jefferson College are its crowning glory. Some of the most conspicuous men in the history of our country are sons of Washington and Jefferson College.

The following table will give some statistics along this line.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON
COLLEGE—DISPLAYED AT PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

Educational Work inaugurated.....	1870
Washington Academy Chartered.....	1787
Jefferson College Chartered.....	1802
Washington College Chartered.....	1806
Washington and Jefferson Chartered.....	1865
Graduates, in all,.....	3768
Ministers graduated.....	1625
Lawyers graduated.....	868
Physicians graduated.....	425
Teachers and Business men.....	850
Percentage of Ministers among the graduates.....	43.12
Foreign Missionaries.....	90
United States Senators.....	11
Members of Congress.....	70
Judges of Courts.....	100
Justices of Supreme Courts in various States.....	20

Legislators (estimated).....	200
Presidents of Colleges.....	70
Professors in Colleges and Theological Seminaries (estimated).....	150

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Obadiah Jennings, D. D., Academy.....	1822
George Junkin, D. D., (O. S.) J. C.....	1813..... 1844
A. T. McGill, D. D., (O. S.) J. C.,.....	1826..... 1848
D. H. Riddle, D. D., (N. S.) J. C.,.....	1823..... 1850
Francis McFarland, D. D., (South), W. C.....	1817..... 1856
Joseph Clokey, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1830..... 1860
Joseph T. Cuoper, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1834..... 1862
John C. Lowrie, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1829..... 1865
T. S. Kendall, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1830..... 1870
S. J. Niccolls, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1857..... 1872
John Y. Scouller, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1841..... 1873
Henry M. Smith, D. D., (South) J. C.....	1851..... 1873
S. J. Wilson, D. D., W. C.,.....	1852..... 1874
W. W. Barr, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1855..... 1875
E. T. Jeffers, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,.....	1862..... 1880
David W. Carson, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.....	1847..... 1881
Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., (South) J. C.,....	1844..... 1879
George P. Hays, D. D., J. C.....	1857..... 1884
William M. French, D. D., (U. P.) J. C.,....	1852..... 1884
D. C. Marquis, D. D., J. C.....	1857..... 1886
John T. Brownlee, D. D., (U. P.) W. C.,....	1844..... 1886
William T. Meloy, D. D., (U. P.) W. C.,....	1860..... 1888

SOME DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.

Hon. T. M. T. McKennan, W. C., 1810, Sec. of the Interior, 1850.
Hon. Henry Stansbury, W. C., 1819, U. S. Attorney-General, 1866-68.
Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow, J. C., 1851, Sec. Treasury U. S., 1874-76.
Hon. James G. Blaine, W. C., 1847. Sec. of State, U. S., 1881 and '89.

HOMER K. UNDERWOOD.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

BY G. G. ROBERTSON.

Columbia, the seat of the Missouri State University, is situated in Boone County, which is one of the first counties in the State. Like all college towns it has received a second name from the students, and is sometimes called "The Athens

of Missouri." It well deserves the name, for it is without doubt at the head of the educational interests of Missouri. It is located near the centre of the State, half-way between St. Louis and Kansas City, and is a city of about 5,000 inhabitants.

The idea of the University was conceived of even before Missouri was admitted into the Union. The following statement was in the original Constitution of the State: "There shall be a seminary of learning for the promotion of literature, the arts, and sciences."

The fact that the University was located at Columbia was due to the unexampled generosity of the citizens of Boone County. They voluntarily contributed \$118,000 in 1839 with which to found the institution. This amount seems enormous when we consider that the entire annual revenue of the county was only \$5,000, and that Missouri was still a wild and uncultivated country. It is interesting to note the enthusiasm and spirit for learning which pervaded everybody. One poor laborer contributed \$5, the largest amount he ever had in his life.

The corner-stone of the University was laid on July 4th, 1840. It was an event of importance not only to the State but to the whole nation, since it was the beginning of higher education in the West. It was the first corner-stone of a university laid west of the Mississippi River, and the first laid by human hands whereon was erected a university edifice paid for by the voluntary contributions of the people of one county.

The first President of the University was Professor John H. Lathrop, LL. D., who already had a high reputation as an accomplished college officer. The first Commencement was held November 28th, 1843, with two graduates, one of whom, Robert L. Todd, is still numbered among Columbia's best citizens.

We have seen that the University was founded in 1839,

but since then it may be said to have been "reborn" twice. After the civil strife ended in 1865 the State became, for the first time, conscious that she had a university. The General Assembly in 1867 gave \$10,000 for its support. Shortly after this, in 1870, the "College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts" was established at Columbia, and the "School of Mines" at Rolla.

The second "rebirth" occurred in 1891, when the main building was destroyed by fire. Immediately preparations were made for new buildings, and in a short time the University arose again with renewed activity and vigor. Since that time the progress of the University has been more marked than ever before. It has become more and more like a true university, and its influence over the educational interests of the State has marvelously increased.

A great portion of this progress may be attributed to the untiring zeal and energy of the President and the other members of the Faculty.

R. H. Jesse, I.L. D., who is now President of the University, was born in Virginia in 1853. His birthplace was the old Ball farm, Washington's mother's early home. After graduating from the University of Virginia in 1875 he was appointed Dean of the Academic Department at the University of Louisiana. He remained there until 1891, when he accepted the position of President of the Missouri State University. His success in this position is known to all. President Jesse is an exception to most of the University's Presidents, since there have been only two, including himself, who were not ministers of the gospel.

The Faculty of the University numbers thirty-eight professors, ten assistant professors, eleven instructors, and four teaching fellows. All the professors are specialists in their line, most of them having taken courses in Germany and France.

The various departments represented in the University

are as follows: Academic, Normal, Law, Agriculture, Mechanic Arts, Medicine, Engineering, and Military.

The Law Department deserves special mention, since it is probably the largest and best in the West. Last year the number of graduates from this department alone was sixty-five, and this year the number will be still larger. Even the ladies have begun to appreciate the advantages offered here in law, two being enrolled this year. Compare this fact with the following statement: "Three young (?) women attended the 'Normal School' of the University in 1868-69. Seeing that the young women did no manner of harm at the 'Normal,' and by degrees feeling our way as though explosive material was all around us, they were cautiously admitted to some of the recitations and lectures in the University building." By Act of the Legislature in 1872 all the doors of the Missouri University were opened to women.

The Military Department naturally attracts attention to itself in these stormy times. It is composed of three companies, under the instruction of First Lieutenant A. P. Bufington, of the Thirteenth Infantry. The military service is not compulsory here as it is at many universities. From the three companies here one volunteer company has been raised, and it will go to the front with the regular National Guard of Missouri.

The campus includes thirty-two acres, and is situated in the southern part of town. In addition to this land the University has an experiment farm comprising 768 acres, and horticultural grounds which include about thirty acres.

The University has the following buildings: The Observatory, Medical, Agriculture, Law, Engineering, Mechanic Arts, Museum buildings, and Experiment station, with its farm buildings, Chemical Laboratory, green-house, power-house, four club-houses, and Academic Hall.

This set of buildings probably exceeds in number and equipment those of any other university in the West. By

act of the last State Legislature provision was made for the erection of a new club-house, which is now nearly completed.

Facilities for practical instruction in all the sciences are provided. There are now in regular use twenty laboratories of Science and Technology, and four drawing-rooms. These laboratories are all supplied with the latest equipments.

The principal buildings of the University are grouped around a quadrangle near the centre of the campus. The quadrangle is open towards the north, with department buildings on the sides and the large Academic Hall closing the south end. In the centre of the quadrangle still stand the columns of the old main building, which was burnt in 1891. They serve as a fitting monument to the early "pioneers of learning."

The influence of the University, standing as she does at the head of education in Missouri, has spread not only through this State alone, but throughout the whole West. A vast throng from her halls has recruited the educational forces of the country. Her lines have gone out through all the practical pursuits, useful professions, productive industries of the West and Southwest. In all these her voice has been heard and her impress made. Her Alumni many, unheralded by fortune, unaided by influential friends, all inspired by lofty, useful purposes, have climbed to honorable success and attained to pre-eminent positions.

Numbering among those who have attended here and have since become noteworthy, may be mentioned Eugene Field, Missouri's beautiful poet; Stephen B. Elkins, United States Senator from West Virginia; ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, and Dr. T. J. J. See, who has made such valuable additions to the science of astronomy.

Probably no institution founded in the Mississippi Basin and buffeted by such adverse influences has left at the close of the first semi-centennial of its existence a more profound

impress on our Western civilization than has the Missouri State University.

This institution is fast coming up to the full idea of a true American University, and slowly but surely has become the crown and glory of our State's system of education.

CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Chicago Alumni Association of Kappa Sigma was held at the Sherman House on Saturday evening, May 14th. The first number on the programme was a Fraternity dinner in the main dining-room, twenty of the faithful being present.

After dinner the party retired to a private parlor and spent one of the most pleasant hours in the history of the Association in general conversation—discussing, perhaps, most universally the condition and general welfare of the Order.

In due time Bro. W. S. Carr, the retiring Chairman, called the meeting to order for the transaction of business and for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Arrangements were perfected for calling special meetings to attend in a body whatever college or university events of interest to the membership might occur in the city during the spring and coming autumn.

A very earnest letter from W. G. M., Julius C. Travis, of La Porte, Ind., was received. It had been expected that Bro. Travis would be present, and his absence was a keen disappointment to all. Only his plea of domestic duties saved him from official censure.

The election resulted in the choice of Bro. A. F. Sheldon, Ann Arbor, for President; Bro. E. R. Rockwell, Cornell, for Secretary; Bro. Angus R. Shannon, Ann Arbor, for Treas-

urer; Bro. Arthur Pixley, Champaign, Ill., for Chaplain, and Bro. J. G. Swaim, La Fayette, Ind., for Grand Master of Ceremonies, each of whom at once assumed the duties of office.

The meeting adjourned, to be called at the first intercollegiate event of importance that happens in the city, at which time a fine new Kappa Sigma banner is to be unfurled and any quantity of maroon, old gold, and peacock blue bunting is to be displayed. Fraternally, MARK SANDS.

KAPPA SIGMA IN THE ARMY.

With the advent of the war with Spain it was, of course, in the natural order of events, that among the many thousands of young men who offered their services to defend the honor of their country would be quite a number of Kappa Sigmas. This has, indeed, been the case, for from Maine to Texas the information comes that our Fraternity brothers are going into service under the Stars and Stripes. While the fires of patriotism burn within the breasts of these brothers, the spirit of Fraternity loyalty has not been permitted to depart, and at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, Kappa Sigmas have taken the initiative in locating the members of the Fraternity, and so far thirty-five loyal wearers of the Star and Crescent have been found in the various regiments there encamped.

On Monday afternoon, June 20th, a happy, jovial crowd of Kappa Sigmas gathered together at the tent of Captain Braly, of the First Arkansas Regiment. That congeniality and homelike feeling only experienced when one meets a member of his Fraternity was at once evident. Frequent meetings for pleasure and mutual benefit have been arranged, and each is looked forward to with eager anticipation. Those present at this first meeting were: Sergeant Giddings, First Vermont; Corporal White, First Maine; Lieutenant Moore, First Arkansas; Lieutenant Hudson, First Arkansas; Sergeant Johnson, First Arkansas; Sergeant Ayres, First Arkan-

sas; Corporal Pattison, First Indiana Light Artillery; Sergeant Seager, First Vermont; Lieutenant Carr, First West Virginia; Captain Braly, First Arkansas; Oglesby, Hospital Corps, Fourth Ohio; Sergeant Culver, Grigsby's; F. E. Colville, Chattanooga; T. B. Collier, Memphis.

So long as the war shall last it will be the purpose of these brothers to keep a lookout for other Kappa Sigmas who may join the army, and thus not only by the strength of Fraternity ties will the monotonous and hard life of a soldier be pleasantly broken, but in the peril of battle many will be the chances to aid a brother in danger or in death.

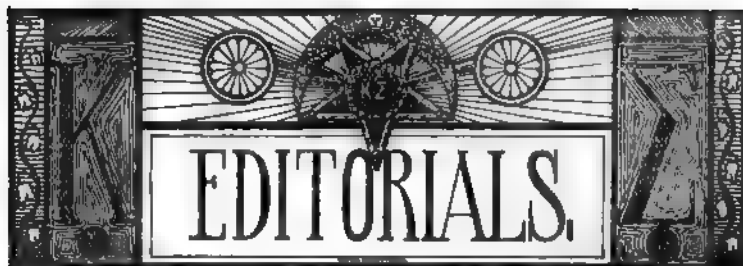
CONCLAVE DECREE.

THE Supreme Executive Committee of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, in accordance with the power and authority in it vested by Article VIII, Section 1, of the Fraternity Constitution, does hereby select and designate the city of Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, as the place at which the Thirteenth Biennial Grand Conclave of Kappa Sigma shall convene, and for the date of said Conclave said Committee names the 28th, 29th, and 30th days of the month of December, A. D. 1898.

Each Chapter of the Fraternity is directed to take due notice of this decree, and to select its regular representatives to the Conclave in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution.

Done at the office of the Worthy Grand Scribe, at Danville, Va., this 24th day of June, 1898.

JULIUS C. TRAVIS, W. G. M.,
WOOD BALLARD, W. G. P.,
G. HAROLD POWELL, W. G. M. C.,
HERBERT M. MARTIN, W. G. S.,
S. W. MARTIN, W. G. T.



It will be noticed that two departments, "Comment and Criticism" and "The Editor's Table" have been omitted in the current number of *THE CADUCEUS*. The disposition of the Greek press to make its summer numbers epitomes of a year's work, and to postpone the discussion of topics of general Fraternity interest is the cause of our first omission; the fact that most of the summer numbers of other magazines have not reached our table is the cause of the second. We shall fully review them in the September number.

REFERRING to the Chapters established during the year 1897-98 it may be said with force that last is not least. Beta-Epsilon Chapter, established at the University of Wisconsin in the closing days of the college year, is sure to become one of the bright stars of Kappa Sigma. The circumstances which prompted the Supreme Executive Committee to grant a charter to the petitioners are such that there will be without doubt a great growth in the Chapter, and a growth dignified and permanent as well. The University of Wisconsin is one of the best of American institutions of learning, and, although its fame is not wide in the Eastern States, its material prosperity and the strength and size of its Faculty make it certain that its fine reputation will not be restricted to any one section of the country. Kappa Sigma has done well in entering such an institution.

THE college year just closed has been an auspicious one for Kappa Sigma. The Chapter roll has been lengthened by several new Chapters, and now touches the half-hundred mark. In every instance the youngsters have been vigorous and a worthy increase to the fold. In total number of initiates we have gone beyond former years and enrolled nearly three hundred and fifty new members under the banner of the Star and Crescent. Truly this has been a year to be proud of, for not only has the growth been external and expansive, but there has been withal an internal development in the Fraternity which has made the Chapters more than ever before divisions of a closely united whole. This spirit of close union has also extended to the Alumni, as the action of our brothers in the army and in Mexico so well shows. The year has advanced the idea that Kappa Sigma is not an Order merely, nor are its Chapters mere clubs, but that the dominating force is Fraternity, brotherly association in its truest sense.

ELSEWHERE in this magazine will be found the decree of the Supreme Executive Committee calling the Thirteenth Biennial Grand Conclave. In the selection of Chattanooga as the place in which the Conclave will meet no surprise is given the Fraternity, as it has been well known for several months that the Kappa Sigmas of Tennessee were strongly urging those in authority to select the above-named city, and the consensus of Chapter opinion has been that the Conclave should go South this year. In the matter of the date, however, a radical change has been made. For years back the early fall has been the time for our biennial gatherings—generally October has been the month—and as a consequence, in a Conclave year, the loyal brothers who are regular attendants look to October as the period for their Fraternity gatherings. The coming Conclave will not be held until the 29th, 30th, and 31st of December, and it is desired that every Alumnus shall make a note of the changed dates. If a Con-

clave during the Christmas holidays shall prove successful, the new dates will doubtless be adhered to in the future. If, on the other hand, the Chattanooga Conclave is not the best in the history of the Fraternity, the Editor is sure it will be because the time is not auspicious, and there will in all probability be a return to the October dates. The one great motive which actuated the Supreme Executive Committee in making the change was the desire to have the Chapter delegates congregate during the middle of a college year and thus make verbal reports of the condition of the Fraternity and go back for another half-year's work infused with the spirit of Fraternity enthusiasm which a Conclave always imparts. Whether this desire will be gratified remains to be seen, but from all reports we believe it will. At all events, now that the time and place of the next Conclave have been definitely decided upon, let every loyal brother see that as far as he can make it so the Thirteenth will be the best Conclave in the whole history of Kappa Sigma.

THE fifth edition of Baird's *American College Fraternities* is certainly a welcome addition to the present-day Fraternity literature. Since the last edition of this book there has been much progress and development in the various Fraternities, and a great deal of information heretofore unobtainable has been secured concerning them. All of this the present book gives with accuracy, and, in fact, a careful examination of the work shows everything to commend and nothing to condemn. There is one thing in particular which shows the sort of a Fraternity man the Editor is—that is, the absolutely impartial treatment of the several Fraternities. His own Fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, is dealt with as are all the others, no fulsome praise, no vainglorious exploitation of honors. Naturally we were especially interested in the article on Kappa Sigma, and upon reading it found that every statement was fair and accurate. The book is one which should be possessed by every Fraternity man.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

DELTA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, DAVIDSON, N. C.

True to her promise that in no future number of THE CADUCEUS should her letter fail to appear, Delta sends greetings and congratulations to all true wearers of the beloved symbol of our brotherhood.

At the request of our Worthy Grand Scribe we give resumé of our year's work. Delta commenced the collegiate year with eight men: Ross, '98; Harrison, '99; Dye, Fitzpatrick, Nettles, and Watkins, 1900, and King and MacKethan of the North Carolina Medical College.

During the year six new men were given a safe shelter from the dangers and difficulties of "Barbary." Their names in order of initiation, are: Reed Smith, 1901, Columbia, S. C.; Richard Morrison King, 1900, Concord, N. C.; Morrison Fetzer, 1901, Concord, N. C.; Charles Grandison Rose, 1900, Fayetteville, N. C.; Neil McRae, Medical, Fayetteville, N. C.; Milton Morris Caldwell, 1901, Concord, N. C. With these the Chapter roll reached fourteen, but during the year Bros. Ross, Nettles, and Dye were forced to retire from collegiate duties: Bro. Ross by sickness and Bros. Nettles and Dye by the failure of their eyes, thus leaving eleven faithful men to look out for Delta's interests.

For the ensuing year the officers are as follows: Harrison, G. M.; Fitzpatrick, G. M. C.; Caldwell, G. P.; King, G. S.; Rose, G. T., and Smith, Cor.

It is with a thrill of pleasure that we note how the members of our venerated Order stick together in after life. Witness the forming of numerous Alumni Chapters throughout the United States, and even in Mexico we find that a few loyal Kappa Sigmas have gathered together and formed an Alumni

Chapter. When such an instance as this is brought to our minds, we seem to realize the more fully what being a Kappa Sigma really means. We recognize that it is not merely for the four years of our college course we are thus banded together, but throughout our whole lives we may "everywhere enjoy the society of a friend and brother." May we not heartily join in the swelling chorus, "Blest be the tie that binds?"

Fraternally,

REED SMITH.

JUNE 15th, 1898.

EPSILON.

CENTENARY COLLEGE, JACKSON, LA.

It becomes my sad duty, after two years of pleasant association with THE CADUCEUS as correspondent of Epsilon Chapter, to bid an affectionate farewell. It is with some sadness that I sever this last bond which connects me with active college life, but it is with the confidence that this important duty will be assigned to another and more faithful one.

Epsilon's men came to the front as usual and secured a good share of the honors of the Commencement occasion. Bro. Zenor, with an able address, represented the Union Literary Society in the delivery of pins to the graduating class.

Bro. Lutz won a beautiful medal, given for excellence in oratory in college department. For the last four years Kappa Sigma has captured this distinguished honor. Bro. H. Singleton won in '95, Bro. Ed. Wall had an easy victory in '96, Bro. Frank Garrett won the distinction in '97, and Bro. Lutz in '98. Our prospects for '99 are very favorable.

On Commencement occasion Bro. F. E. Singleton delivered a forcible oration on "Self Mastery."

The closing days of the collegiate term of '97 and '98

was the occasion of much pleasure; although we had no reception this term, we enjoyed the society of our many Kappa Sigma girls.

The base-ball team played its last game in Woodville, Miss. They defeated Woodville, winning a complete victory, although playing against the Tulane University battery. Bro. Zenor did some phenomenal pitching, and Bro. Singleton always plays well at short stop. The team recently played four games on the campus, two with Louisiana State University, winning the first game. Also two games with Jefferson Military Academy, winning the first game, the second being a tie.

Epsilon has sent three of her sons to fight for the flag, but not having the advantage of military education were not prepared to assume the responsibility of a high office. Bro. Ed. Wall is color-bearer for the Pelican Rifles, National Guard, now camping near Mobile. Bro. Frank Garrett is Second Sergeant in a company organized at Monroe, La. Bro. Alex. Wall is Quartermaster-Sergeant in a company of "Hood's Regiment of Immunes." We are confident that they will uphold the honor of our country and reflect credit upon the Chapter. May the God of Battles watch over them. There are others that will probably soon follow their example.

We regret very much that our former beloved President, Dr. C. W. Carter, has seen fit to retire from active life. He was ever honored and trusted by the student body, and will be missed by many admirers. Professor Thos. Carter, our former Professor of Ancient Languages, has accepted a similar position in Tulane University. So we shall have a new President, Dr. Cooper, of Mississippi, and in many respects a different Faculty.

There will be extensive material improvements made upon the college buildings and campus during the summer months, and possibly some new buildings erected.

And now, with a hearty good grip for every brother, I

bid a temporary farewell to our beloved Chapter, *Alma Mater*,
and THE CADUCEUS.

Yours in the bonds,

ISAAC ERWIN.

JUNE 19th, 1898.

ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

The finals have ushered out the session of 1897-98 and the old University is quiet and will remain so until the first of July, when the summer schools are opened for two months. It can be truly said that no Commencement ever surpassed that of June, '98. There were many distinguished men present, and, of course, it is needless to say that the fairest daughters of the Old Dominion were gathered around her greatest seat of learning. The new buildings were dedicated, and this was one of the features of the Commencement. Virginia should be, and is, proud of this addition to the great gift of Jefferson, and we offer our thanks to the generous men who contributed to this cause. When the session of 1897-98 was declared "closed," Zeta's members separated—some for a few months, others forever, as active members. Bro. Garnett was among the few M. A. graduates. Bro. Aylett goes to his home to explain the technicalities of law to his fellow-men, while Bro. Chapman thinks he will not return. This leaves only five members to begin the session of 1898-99. We hope, however, to increase our number in the early part of the session. Still we will move cautiously, for Zeta does not sympathize with the idea that members is the main feature of a college Fraternity. We think the session has been a prosperous one for Kappa Sigma at Virginia. 'Tis true we have initiated only two men, but we deem this a virtue rather than a vice, for, as aforesaid, we do not think that prosperity depends on the number of men in a Chapter. We had a small,

congenial crowd of fellows, and in this, it is Zeta's opinion, lies the true merits of fraternal relations.

Wishing every Kappa Sigma a pleasant vacation and a prosperous year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JUNE 18th, 1898.

H. H. SHELTON.

ETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.

We sit down to attempt the July letter to THE CADUCEUS with thoughts very different from those which have come to us, when, at different times during the past session, we have tried to give some account of the welfare of Eta. Then our Chapter brothers were with us, and all active brothers were busily engaged at the several institutions where it has been deemed advisable to establish a Chapter of Kappa Sigma. Then we thought of Kappa Sigmas, of course, always industrious, at all these colleges and universities, diligently "poring" over the problems presented in Mathematics and Greek and Latin and Philosophy, and in forty-eleven other branches so familiar and so delightful to all students. We imagine, too, that some of our brothers have been taking a course in calico, and we venture to suppose that "some" did not give up that ticket when they passed without the classic walls, which, with great difficulty, held their expanding minds and throbbing hearts (if any were left) for nine long months. This is all mere conjecture on the part of your scribe. He supposes that this is the case with all Kappa Sigmas, except himself, because he has closely watched his Chapter brothers, Bro. Hepburn and Bro. Leake, and knows of the desperate sentimental condition in which they stood when he parted with them, weeping on their necks. Well, we hope that some of our beloved brothers may find a summer girl, at least, if,

as your scribe, they have not had the blessed felicity of a fair maiden to cheer up the dark and wintry hours of the past session. So, then, instead of thinking of our beloved brothers as studiously employed throughout the country, we are, at this time, thinking of them as gliding serenely (and very slowly) over the silvery surface of some mountain lake, in a little bark just large enough for two. Or, perhaps, they have found out where rustic seats in shady nooks are to be used. Perhaps a lone, loving Kappa Sigma is, at this moment, slowly pacing to and fro under some enchanted balcony, or on a pleasant promenade that affords an ample opportunity for star-gazing.

The great joint Randolph-Macon Commencement, of which all the colleges in this State, and perhaps others, heard a plenty, took place with a successful result, and accompanied with all its anticipated pleasure.

The Commencement was a triumph for the Randolph-Macon system of colleges and academies, and we believe that it will result in an increased attendance next session for every one of the six institutions now composing the system. We should like to see the college or university president more energetic or more able than our Chancellor, Dr. W. W. Smith, A. M., LL. D. Nor do we believe that there is a college in the country whose Faculty take more interest in the personal welfare of the students than do the Faculty of the College here at Ashland. If any of our brothers contemplate coming to Randolph-Macon we assure them of a warm welcome at the College at large, and a warm, fraternal welcome into the Chapter here.

We have not much of a resumé of the year's work in our Chapter to give. We have not had a great many Chapter meetings, though by private reading we have kept up on the work of the Fraternity. We feel almost confident that next September we shall be able to report the largest Chapter that we have had for some years.

Wishing all brothers a pleasant time for the rest of the vacation, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. D. HUGHLETT.

JUNE 4th, 1898.

IOTA.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, GEORGETOWN, TEX.

It has never been my privilege to see a letter from Iota Chapter in the July CADUCEUS, and I never could appreciate the reason why, until now, when it becomes my duty to pen a letter for that issue. I take it that all the correspondents who have preceded me felt the undertaking too great, or, perhaps, they were unwilling to thrust upon our brothers such a conglomeration of facts and fancies as this correspondent has the audacity to present.

The past year was one of trial and hard work for Iota, but its close was one of advancement and success. We began the year with only three men, which was the smallest number in the entire history of Iota Chapter, but we were not discouraged, on the contrary, we set to work with a will, and before the close of the year we increased our number by the initiation of six true and faithful men. The last man to cast his lot with us was Ralph Alison Porter, of Georgetown, Tex. Bro. Porter was initiated as soon as he had completed his sub-Freshman work; and let me say we were not wrong in keeping an "eye" on Bro. Porter during the year, for before he had been with us two days he brought us honor by winning the declamation medal of his class. I predict that you will hear of Bro. Porter again. Iota was honored by another one of her members winning an essay medal, and while no other medals fell to her, yet great credit was reflected upon her on several occasions by members who were close contestants for the medal. In fact, all of her members acquitted themselves well.



KAPPA CHAPTER, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

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Iota expects to open next year under more favorable circumstances, and by being wide-awake and up and doing she intends to go forward, as in the past, until she is second to none in all points of college life.

On the evening of May 27th the members of Iota, with their lady friends, enjoyed a delightful banquet at the residence of Mr. J. E. Cooper. It is sufficient to say the affair was a complete success in every particular. Miss Jessie Cooper had long been one of the best friends of the Kappa Sigma boys, and on this occasion her regard for us was abundantly evidenced by her courtesy and hospitality.

Two of our old men, Bros. Downs and Doraugh, although they were not in school, were graduated with the Class of '98, Bro. Downs taking A. B. and Bro. Doraugh B. S.

I want once more to express my appreciation of the good received by me from our Fraternity, and to promise to exercise all my powers to promote her welfare if ever opportunity presents itself.

Yours in the bonds of Kappa Sigma,

CHARLIE WHITFIELD DENNIS.

JUNE 14th, 1898.

KAPPA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

The close of a most pleasant and profitable year for Kappa is now at hand, and as we look forward to next year we have no reason to expect anything but just such a year again. While we have not achieved any phenomenal success in any one line, we have kept apace with college affairs, have exerted much more of positive influence than negative among our fellow-students, and have all along striven to uphold the good name of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Our "honors" may be quickly run over from the first of

the year till the last. At the beginning of the year Bro. Putnam was elected Business Manager of the *Observer*, the literary journal of the University, and continued in this office till his eyesight demanded withdrawal from the University. Bro. Putnam was also elected President of the Tennessee Association of Kappa Sigma by that body last fall at their meeting in Nashville on Kappa Sigma Day at the Centennial.

Bro. Estes honored the Chapter by appearing in our annual Thanksgiving Debate between the two literary societies. He has also won for himself the very high esteem of the Faculty by his exceptionally high standing in the Junior Law Class, being the best in his Class.

Bro. G. M. Duckworth was elected to the position of Business Manager of the *Observer* when Bro. Putnam left, and has filled this position admirably during the year. He was chosen Business Manager of the *Hustler* for next year. This paper is published weekly by the Athletic Association.

Bro. Orr was elected Vice-President of the Junior Law Class.

Bro. Fullilove represented Kappa on the *Comet* Board. This is the annual published by the Fraternities of the University. He is also an Associate Editor on the *Courier*, a daily published by the Senior Class during the last part of each year.

Members of Kappa also are to be found in the following positions: Vice-President of Tennis Club, Vice-President of Y. M. C. A., President of one of the literary societies, Member of "Lexow Committee" on West Side Row, Members of Dramatic Club, etc.

The greatest honor that we claim is our attempt to entertain the visiting brothers in Nashville on Kappa Sigma Day at the Centennial last October. Kappa feels that it was a great honor to have the opportunity of entertaining her fellow Fraternity men.

Bro. O'Connor is visiting us now, much to our joy, and

we find that one year has not been sufficient to erase all fraternal memories for him and of him.

Fraternally,

J. H. FULLILOVE, JR.

JUNE 12th, 1898.

XI.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

Before many days have passed the members of Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma will bid each other adieu and return to their homes. Our college year has been spent very pleasantly indeed, and the work of the Chapter has been excellent. We have added to our number and to the host of Kappa Sigmas throughout the land many worthy brothers; we have cultivated among ourselves the ties of friendship and honor; and have placed our Fraternity in the position which she deserves to occupy in the University.

At the beginning of the present session only ten old members were on hand, but ere long the number of members was increased to about twenty-two. We have lost several members during the year. Some withdrew on account of sickness, and others from even sadder circumstances. For a while it seemed that Xi Chapter would lose nearly all of her members, so many had to leave the University. Enthusiasm about the war with Spain almost carried away several of our number. We have lost by withdrawals from school Bros. Mitchell, Fletcher, Clark, Means, Valliant, Ware, and Taylor, N. E. But though it is sad for us to be without the association of these loyal Kappa Sigmas, yet we are assured that they are our brothers still, and that we shall have their sympathy and aid at all times. Bro. Valliant is now at Highland Falls, N. Y., where he is preparing for the examination for admission to the United States Military Academy at West

Point. All who know Bro. Valliant are confident that he will succeed.

Many of the brothers hold positions in the military department, and several have certain class offices. On the *Ozark* staff we are represented by the Editor-in-chief, Bro. Bell, and an Associate Editor, Bro. Dickinson. We are also ably represented on the *Cardinal* staff by Bros. Ross, Gray, and Bell.

Well, the final examinations are now a thing of the past, and right glad are all of the students. But, of course, some men had to obtain the honors in various departments, and Xi is proud of the achievements of some of her members. Bro. Bell has graduated with "special distinction," an honor which has been obtained by only one other man in the history of the University. He is also the winner of \$25 in gold, the prize for the best articles in the College magazine, the *Ozark*. Bro. A. V. Smith covered himself with glory in the exercises of the military department. He won a beautiful sword, the prize for the best drilled captain, and his company (F), in which there were seven Kappa Sigmas, was awarded the flag as being the best-drilled company.

Last Monday evening, June 13th, we entertained our pledged men, Messrs. Martin, Craig, Ross, Dunn, and Martin, A. J. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and each man left with wishes for the success and pleasure of all connected in any way with the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

We lose by graduation Bros. Bell, Ross, and Smith, men with whom we very much dislike to part. They have been earnest, loyal workers for Kappa Sigma, and we shall miss them very much during the coming session. However, we know that a Kappa Sigma brother is not for such a short period of time as a college term only, but for life; and we are confident that these men will always serve their Fraternity cheerfully and well.

The majority of the members of Xi are in favor of Nash-

ville, Tenn., as the most suitable place for holding the next Conclave. We think it is a place that is accessible from all directions, and the accommodations will, of course, be as good as any city in the South can furnish.

So much for the history of Xi's welfare during the session of 1897-98. Our actions have been guided to a great extent by Bros. Richardson, of Omicron; Futrall, Crawford, and Wilson, all experienced men in Fraternity work, and to whom Kappa Sigma and her members are very dear.

At the last election the following officers were selected: Bro. Smith, G. M.; Bro. Bell, G. P.; Bro. Wood, G. M. C.; Bro. Sellers, G. T.; Bro. Orto, G. S.; Bro. Taylor, W. E. C., and Bro. Mitchell, Correspondent.

Hoping that all Kappa Sigmas will spend a pleasant vacation and return with increased energy and zeal for the good cause, I am,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES H. ORTO.

JUNE 15th, 1898.

UPSILON.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

The Commencement girl has bidden us adieu; the noble Senior, with a diploma under his arm, has left the scenes of his four happiest years, no more to return; the dormitories are vacant save for the haunted faces of a few "unfortunates," and we are all conscious that the one hundred and twenty-second session of Hampden-Sidney is now an event of the past. It is indeed a sad and joyous time of the year. Sad, because we have parted with our college chums, many of whom we will never see again; joyous, because of the pleasures which we are anticipating at home. It has truly been a joyous and a successful session for Upsilon. Her members look back with pride over the year's work, and feel justly

proud of her success, as well they may, for they well-merited the honors which they have laid at Upsilon's shrine. Among the honors may be mentioned the following: Five Kappas helped to hold up the reputation of the Garnet and Gray on the foot-ball field; Bull and Cole, L. D., were the battery on the diamond; Bull, assisted by Eugene Caldwell, was the Director of Gymnastics; Alfred Caldwell won the medal given by the Faculty for the best all-around athlete on Field Day; Eugene Caldwell was the recipient of the Senior Orator's medal in the Philanthropic Society, and Kinnier won the Freshman Declaimers in the Union Society. Caldwell also graduated with first honors, was the Valedictorian of his Class, and is one of the Fellows for next session. The '98 *Kaleidoscope* will also give an excellent display of his literary talents, and his efficiency as an editor-in-chief. Four of us were on the annual staff, and the Editor-in-chief of the magazine (E. C. Caldwell) also belonged to Upsilon. We had several men in the Orchestra and Glee Club. The Assistant Business Manager of the *Kaleidoscope* was Bro. Kinnier, who will fill the same position on the magazine next year. Richardson was a Marshal at Intermediate, Cole, L. D., at Final, and your scribe at Senior celebration.

We will lose Bro. Duvall next year, but Bro. Payne, who has been a pedagogue for the past session, expects to return in the fall, so we will still be eleven strong at the opening of College, and prepared to make a good fight for the new men. The finals were an unusual success, and the Germans were thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated. Our Faculty expects two additions next session, an adjunct Professor of Physics and Chemistry, and an extra Fellow, who will teach the sub-Freshmen the rudiments of English.

With best wishes for sister Chapters, and especially the new one at the University of Wisconsin, I am,

Fraternally in the bonds,

JUNE 24th, 1898.

HOWSON WHITE COLE, JR.

PHI.

**SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY,
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.**

Our school closed on June 8th, and we are now enjoying vacation.

Phi loses no men this year by graduation, but Bro. Lyle will not return, as he intends to enter Vanderbilt to study medicine. We regret that we have to lose him, but Kappa will gain a good man.

We miss Bro. Kendrick very much, as he has entered the army. Bro. Byers started, but we are glad to say that he decided to return. Bro. Byers is also a brother "par excellence." Phi Chapter can feel proud of him, for he has done a great deal toward the welfare of our Chapter.

The writer recently had the pleasure of visiting Alpha-Upsilon Chapter at Millsaps College. The Chapter is composed of mighty fine men, every one of whom Kappa Sigma can boast of.

Wishing all Kappa Sigmas a pleasant vacation, I am,
Yours fraternally,

GEORGE R. REA.

JUNE 17th, 1898.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, ME.

In these last days of the year, amid the confusion of preparation for the examinations and Commencement, when we are occupied most of the time looking forward to the many pleasant events before us, it is a little difficult to look back to see what our record has been for the year just closing.

Since our last letter a new Fraternity has appeared here. It is Phi Kappa Sigma.

Although there are several Fraternities represented in this University there are men enough to support them. This year Psi has had the pleasure of ushering eleven new men into the mysterious * * * * *.

But while we have taken in quite a number, it has been necessary. We have had some unusual losses this year. When our old "Uncle Sam" asked for men to go free Cuba about forty men left College, among whom were several brothers that have now become: Sergeant Porter, 1900; Corporal White, '98; Private Catton, '99; Hamlin, 1900, in the hospital corps, and Noyes, E. J., and Noyes, F. A., both of 1900, musicians. More boys have left college later.

However, we still keep at work here. Athletics have attracted great interest here this year, and we were especially successful in the Field meet. We were second in the State contest, which is an improvement. Compared with last year's record it is still better. Our hopes for next year are growing. Psi is quite strong in this department, Goodwin, 1901, winning the quarter-mile run at the State meet. In the local meet we stood second in the list of Fraternities, winning thirteen points with three men.

Psi recently elected officers. In the coming year W. J. Marill, '99, will be G. M.; H. F. Drummond, 1900, G. M. C., and L. G. Varney, 1901, Corresponding Secretary.

The year has been a pleasant and profitable one for the College and Fraternity. We hope to close it appropriately by holding our usual reception and banquet during Commencement week. We hope to see many of our Alumni back to add pleasure to the event.

Our relations with Alpha-Rho this year have been very pleasant, having exchanged calls, annuals, and good feelings.

With good wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. H. RASTALL.

JUNE 13th, 1898.

OMEGA.**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE, TENN.**

Omega greets her sisters and congratulates our S. E. C. and Kappa Sigma in general on the successful year just closed. Kappa Sigma has made strides of which we can feel proud, and the future can contain for her only prosperity and greater progress.

Our own Chapter can claim a more lively existence than I have seen since 1892; and the recent addition of three loyal Kappa Sigmas and an inter-collegiate victory won by one of our brothers has added to our flame of enthusiasm. To take the last first, I am glad to announce that we have in Bro. G. C. Edwards one who has brains and application enough to win in competitive examinations with five colleges an English prize amounting to \$500 in cash, and to do this with a perfect mark. To explain: to Kenyon College, Gambier O.; Trinity, Hartford, Conn.; St. Stephens, Annandale, N. Y.; Hobart, Geneva, N. Y., and Sewanee, annually six prizes are open, awarded by competitive examination, given by the Association for promoting the interests of Church (Episcopal) Schools and Colleges. Special examinations are set, searching and rigid, three for Seniors, in (a) English, (b) Latin and Greek together, and (c) Mathematics and Physics together, and three for Juniors in same order, and in case of first three \$500 is the prize given to the successful man, \$300 in latter. Sewanee this year won three of the six, Kenyon two, and one was not given. Senior and Junior English and Senior Latin and Greek prizes were won by Sewanee, and Bro. Edwards was the victor in the first case, Professor Baldwin, of Yale, Examiner. Sewanee is justly proud of her record. Last year three were given by the same Association, Sewanee winning all of them. This year the taking of three out of five awarded is a splendid record. Bro. Edwards in each case received the highest mark. We rejoice with him that he has

reflected credit on himself, his Fraternity, and his College. We regret that we shall lose him in August, but we are sure that with a B. A. degree and a well-deserved prestige for scholarship he will soon rank among the first of those who teach the youth in Texas. Bro. Edwards is also Valedictorian of the Class of '98.

Since our last report William Mechlin Edwards, Jr., brother of our now famous G. C. Edwards, of Dallas, Tex., in Academy, and Lewis Thayer Mitchell, of Braddock, Pa., and Charles Henry Martin, of Buffalo, N. Y., in Medical Department, have had a safe journey into Kappa Sigma. We gladly introduce them to the Kappa Sigma world.

With best wishes for vacation days and a successful year succeeding, I am, Very fraternally,

WM. MERCER GREEN, JR.

JULY 1st, 1898.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, MD.

The scholastic year has closed at Maryland, and the members of Alpha-Alpha are leaving Baltimore, some for their homes, others for the mountain and seaside resorts. In looking over the results of the few months' work in Kappa Sigma's behalf we are constrained to congratulate ourselves. We believe that we are members of the greatest Fraternity in the country, and are appreciative of the honor of being within the brotherhood that includes so many brilliant men. We have kept in view the high standard of Kappa Sigma, and have initiated only those men who will reflect credit on the Fraternity and are the peers of our brothers in the great educational institutions of America.

At the close of the year our Chapter roll bore the following names: Frank Fred. Luthardt, Jerome Harry Wilms, Louis McKim Kines, Charles Addison Hook, Jr., James

Rawlings Brewer, Jr., William Milnes Maloy, Edward Hughes Sappington, John Branham Deming, Thomas Stephens Rice, Frank Marion Widner, Jr., John Leo Virgil Murphy, Harry Whinner Nice, George Francis Donnelly, Beecher Sackett Clothier, Leon Augustus Wolters, Emanuel Jerome Ellinger, Elias Oliver Grimes, Jr. The last five names have not hitherto appeared in **THE CADUCEUS**, and we would like to introduce the gentlemen who bear these names to our brothers in other Chapters.

According to the plan of rotation in office which we have devised as a means of making each brother of our Chapter familiar with the ritual and secret work, Bro. J. Harry Wilms will in the fall become Grand Master, a position for which he is admirably fitted, and to which his work for the Chapter entitles him. All of the brothers stood well in the examinations, Bro. Kines having distinguished himself by securing marks exceptionally high even for this school of hard students.

The base-ball team on which we are represented by Bros. Wolters and Widner, returned from an extensive Northern trip with many victories to its credit, and, thanks to Bros. Wilms and Luthardt, the Managers, with plenty of money in the Treasury.

Bro. Clothier graduated this year, but will return to pursue the post-graduate work at the Johns Hopkins with a view of taking his Ph. D.

A most enjoyable evening was passed by many of the brothers who remained in the city until the close of the Commencement exercises. Through the courtesy of Miss Julia Wilms, the beautiful and accomplished sister of our Grand Master, we were invited to her home, and there had the honor to meet the graduating class of Baltimore's fashionable finishing school at the Convent of the Visitation, which Miss Wilms attends. The evening was the event of our lives, and it is said that several brothers met their "fate."

Some Alpha-Alfa brothers have secured a yacht, and will take a month's cruise, winding up at Atlantic City.

We have about perfected our plans for a house next year, and all members of the Fraternity who visit us may be sure of hospitable entertainment in our prospective home. We are heartily in favor of Chattanooga as the scene of the next Conclave, and will be represented at the gathering when the appointed time shall have arrived.

With best wishes to all the brothers for a pleasant and profitable vacation, we remain,

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

JUNE 14th, 1898.

WILLIAM MILNES MALOY.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Another college year has rolled quickly by, and it is with a feeling intermingled with regret and pleasure that I take up my duties as Alpha-Epsilon's correspondent and pen these few lines to our Kappa Sigma brothers throughout the land. The worry and anxiety attending the last term examinations is over, and many of our Chapter brothers have already returned to their homes in anticipation of a pleasant vacation, and ere long all will have departed and our great University once more be deserted and desolate.

I may safely say Alpha-Epsilon may rest contentedly on her laurels until another fall term calls her once more into pleasant activity. Six new men were added to our rolls this year, your humble scribe among them, and all are eagerly looking forward to the fall, when they may again help in the active work started this year of making our Chapter attain that high degree of excellence for which we are all so earnestly striving.

Though it is barely two years since we were able to boast of a "house," in that short length of time many things have

happened. To begin with, I wish to say right here we have received absolutely no outside assistance whatever, and all credit is due to our own small band of enthusiastic workers, the foremost of whom I might mention as our House Manager, Bro. N. L. Townsend, to whom a large amount of our success is due. He it was, through careful and judicious management, who brought us to our present excellent condition of a well-furnished house, I might say equalled by few and excelled by none. Some time ago we inaugurated a plan of introducing into our Chapter-house a library, and immediately set about obtaining suitable volumes with which to form a nucleus. The result of our efforts were not long in making themselves felt, and we can now boast of a small but well chosen set of instructive books, which, if fortune favors us, we soon hope to be worthy the name of library.

During the annual relay races held by the University of Pennsylvania during the latter part of April we enjoyed a visit from Bros. E. O. Loucks and Dahlgren, of Alpha-Eta Chapter, in whom we found very agreeable and entertaining companions, and can only complain of the shortness of their visit. Our Chapter was represented in the games by Bros. Price and Hume, both of whom proved themselves worthy competitors.

The final closing exercises of College occurred June 8th, when seven of our brothers, after passing safely through the trials and tribulations attending Commencement, have finally reached their chosen goal. They are Bros. M. Boyle, M. D.; D. Weeks, M. D.; E. A. Weisser, M. D.; A. Sansom, LL. B.; C. H. Close, LL. B.; C. Reigle, LL. B., and L. Seymour, D. D. S. Though we are exceedingly sorry to lose these men, all of whom have proven themselves faithful and energetic workers, we cannot do otherwise than feel a just pride in their success. May prosperity ever be their close attendant. Bro. Seymour will be with us again next year, as he intends taking a P. G. course.

With congratulations for all of our successful graduates,
and wishing you all a most pleasant vacation, I am,

Fraternally,

R. C. BIRNEY.

JUNE 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENN.

All the members of Alpha-Theta have separated for the summer, and while some will meet again in the Chapter-hall in September, others we will not see again at college. Thanks to the care and conservatism of the Chapter, all the brothers, wherever they may be, will be an honor to the Star and Crescent.

We lose one man by graduation. It is Bro. Stuart Young, and in losing him we almost feel that graduation day should never have come.

Since the last report we have initiated J. P. Bird, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Wishing all the Chapters a pleasant summer and a happy reunion, I am,

Fraternally,

JULY 1st, 1898.

R. E. ARMSTRONG.

ALPHA-NU.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Ere this I suppose all our brothers who for the past year have had such a pleasant sojourn together, are comfortably seated in their various homes, partaking of the pleasures and the rest of a well-earned vacation. Upon reviewing what we have accomplished during the session just closed we are gratified at our unusual success as a body, and are pleased to name this the most prosperous and most pleasant year in the

history of Alpha-Nu. We wound up our year's work with thirteen men; it is said a very unlucky number, but we have had the Mystics with us sure. Our Chapter has the respect of the Faculty, and bears the kindest relations to the student-body. We have no troubles to contend with worthy of mention, and what we did have, we have manfully met and overcome.

We lose this year by graduation three of our most dignified brothers. We regret to part with them, and to cut asunder the tender cords that bound our hearts together. We can but predict great success for Bros. Bennett, Dantzler, and Leonard. We feel sure that they will always keep in memory the joys and pleasures that fell to their lot, and will always follow Alpha-Nu in all of her workings and undertakings.

We had with us for about two weeks four of our old charter members: Bros. Wait, '95; Tucker, '96; Raysor, '97, and Cummings, '97. We are always glad to see our Alumni, and shall always do our best to make them feel at home. At our last meeting we initiated Bro. Sam Lanham, a good student and a perfect gentleman, who is a Spartan boy. We are lucky in securing such men, whose ancestors have always been honored. We have one man pledged for next year, and several others in view.

We are in the very front ranks of College Fraternities, and have carried away more than our share of honors, but have done it on merit.

We have three brothers on our journal staff for next year.

We are hopeful of our next Conclave's meeting in Chattanooga. Alpha-Nu will try to send delegates. We have the following officers for our next meeting next session: Bro. Ernest Wiggins, G. M.; Bro. C. B. Burnett, G. P.; Bro. E. H. Hall, G. S.; Bro. W. R. Crum, Treasurer; Bro. M. S. Asbell, Guard, and Bro. L. E. Wiggins, Correspondent to CADUCEUS.

With kind regards and fraternal greetings for all Kappa
Sigmas, I am,

Yours in Kappa Sigma bonds,

ERNEST WIGGINS.

JULY 4th, 1898.

ALPHA-PI.

WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

With the college year at Wabash just closed, the view of the scribe must be first retrospective and then prospective. A review of the past year brings to light many errors and disappointed hopes, and a forward look into the coming year fills us with the strong hope that the errors may be overcome and that the ambitions for the high success of our Chapter may be fully realized.

Alpha-Pi started the year with four men, but soon increased her roll to seven, and just after the Christmas vacation three more were considered worthy to wear the badge, and were duly initiated.

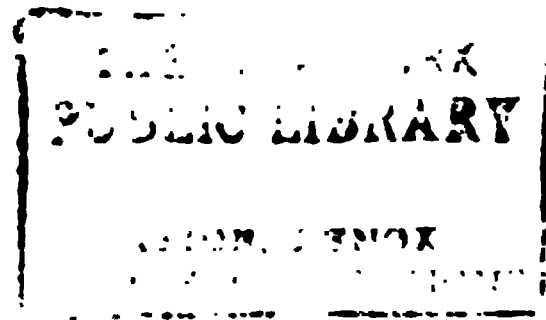
During the winter term the Chapter was enabled, at a very little expense, to change its quarters, and now it has a hall for its members surpassed by none in Wabash.

We may justly lay claim to abundant patriotism, for, to the call for volunteers two months ago, six of our men responded, and are now at Chickamauga with the army. Letters from the brothers there tell us that already they have found forty Kappa Sigmas, and not long since a meeting was held there. One writes, "Be sure to send my May CADUCEUS down to me." and a copy has been forwarded to him.

The departure of our soldiers left the Chapter in a critical condition. Good men in college were a rarity, and the members still left were unwilling to increase our roll by accepting any under the standard which we have maintained in the past. During Commencement week we initiated one of our pledged



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men, and I take great pleasure in introducing to the Kappa Sigma world our new brother, Mr. Edward Stewart McClure, of Toledo, O.

The past few days have seen the graduation of two of our members, Mr. F. H. Stevenson and Mr. H. H. McClure. Mr. McClure has been connected with Alpha-Pi since its birth, and goes out now from the Chapter with a great deal of regret. He goes to New York to take a position in the office of the McClure Magazine Co. Mr. Stevenson will probably study medicine in Chicago.

Although our losses have been heavy during the past two months, we hope much for the Chapter for next year. Four or five men will return, possibly one or two more, and these may be expected to accept only the best of the entering students. Bro. Carter is base-ball Captain for next year, and other members of Alpha-Pi will doubtless sustain its reputation in being well represented in all sides of the college life.

With cordial regard and good wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. H. McCLURE.

JUNE 16th, 1898.

ALPHA-RHO.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

Alpha-Rho is full of hope for next year; indeed, her fortunes were never brighter. With two good men already pledged and more in sight, we are ready to prophesy a good delegation from 1902. Of our 1901 delegation we had great reason to be proud, and after a year's association greater reason than ever. 1900 will lose Bro. Parsons next year; '99 will lose Bro. Piper; '98 graduates four Kappa Sigmas, Bros. Hamlin, Loring, Lane, and Edwards.

Bros. Hewitt and Dole, of '97, who have been assisting as tutors in the year past, have decided not to return next

year. Their work has been very efficient, and their departure will be a loss to the college, and to Alpha-Rho as well.

Only two of our brethren have been out of College this term. Bro. Albee has been out teaching, and Bro. Parsons, we regret to say, has been seriously ill, so that he is not expected to be able to return in the fall.

Bros. Wignott and Cloudman have held positions on the 'Varsity base-ball team this spring, and helped materially to make it the best ball team Bowdoin ever had, Wignott as catcher, Cloudman first baseman and right fielder. On their New England trip they had the good fortune to visit our new brothers at Brown. Of them they speak in the highest terms.

Bros. Cloudman and Small, of 1901, have distinguished themselves for excellence in the athletic meets. They are good men, both of them. Also Bro. Wignott took a day off from base-ball in order to break the Maine record in pole-vaulting.

Bowdoin has closed her ball season with twelve games played, and nine victories, putting into the field the best ball team in her history. In track athletics she has again kept the other Maine colleges far below, but fell off somewhat at Worcester. But we've forgotten all about that in our jubilation over the ball team.

Bro. Martin has asked for a review of the year's work. This would be a hard task if a detailed account were desired. So I will content myself with general results. At the beginning of the year we reached the campus, realizing that '97, which had always been our mainstay, was gone. Notwithstanding, we went to work and soon had made up our delegation from 1901, the worth of which I have noted above. By far the most prominent of our achievements this year has been our athletic honors. Our athletes are on the foot-ball, base-ball, and track teams, and are of no mediocre calibre.

It is yet too early to decide what our achievements in

the line of scholarship may be. To sum up the matter, Alpha-Rho is *holding her place* among the older Chapters at Bowdoin.

Yours fraternally,

ELBERT B. HOLMES.

JUNE 13th, 1898.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Commencement has come and gone. Another year of college and Fraternity life has been added to that of the past.

Has Kappa Sigma advanced or retrograded? Has Alpha-Sigma kept pace with her sister Chapters? and have we individually "done what our hands found to do" in helping along our Chapters? These and similar questions receive and keep receiving attention as we look back over the work of the past year. THE CADUCEUS, with its announcements of our many new Chapters, evidences that Kappa Sigma is advancing ever forward. As for ourselves, actions speak louder than words.

While we had few Seniors to take part in the Commencement exercises, 'twas not that they were lacking. Oh, no, but patriotism so stirred the hearts and minds of our brothers and reverend Seniors that at the first call from Uncle Sam they must hie themselves to the front.

Practically they lost little by it, inasmuch as the Faculty granted diplomas to all Seniors whose work was satisfactory, and who desired to enlist.

Alpha-Sigma is certainly well represented in camp. Bros. Brelsford and Ogelsby, our Seniors, enlisted in the cavalry and hospital corps, respectively; Bro. D. V. Burkett is also a trooper as well as special correspondent to one of the Columbus dailies, and the Light Artillery finds Bro. Butcher enlisted with that organization.

Bro. Ogelsby informed us in his last letter that he had so far met with about forty Kappa Sigmas. He further said that if permitted they were going to hold an impromptu banquet and meeting. It is to be hoped that the meeting took place.

This, my brothers, shows one of the best and truest advantages of Fraternity life—"universal brotherhood." Wherever you may be, at home or abroad, in peace or in war, on all hands, on all occasions, brothers stand forth, saying, "What's mine is yours, and what is your's is mine;" brothers ready to eat and drink and be merry; brothers ready if troubles weigh heavily upon you to help sustain you in your misfortunes. "Blessed be the name of Kappa Sigma."

In glancing back over the records of the year gone by, here and there may be seen dark shadows of disappointments and ill-directed plans marring their pages, but success and progress have so outweighed disappointment and discouragement that I need not ask pardon for mentioning the former only.

In the College world ours has been a prominent part: Manager of foot-ball team, Editor and Business Manager of both the College weekly and the agricultural journal, Literary Editor on Annual, Presidency of old and new Athletic Association, highest offices in our literary societies; also the company, of which your scribe was Captain, had the pleasure of bearing off the sword offered to the best drilled company. Five companies competed for the honor. These and other minor successes prove that we have been awake to Kappa Sigma interests.

Socially—time and space forbid mention of our successes. Suffice it to say that our part has been a prominent one.

Our Chapter-house, of which we spoke so hopefully in our last letter, has received a decided set-back. War deprives us of four brothers, and we lose by graduation one of

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ALPHA-UPSILON CHAPTER, MILISAPS COLLEGE.

our jolliest and most whole-hearted fellows, C. W. Miller. By this means and others our numbers have been so lessened that we deemed it unwise to push our plans at present; and while next year will find us in a new house, it, I am sorry to say, will be a rented one.

Cupid has played sad havoc among our ranks in the past year, Bros. Enos and Riggs having joined the ranks of "Benedicts."

Bro. C. W. Burkett has accepted the position of Assistant Professor in Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire. Bro. Burkett's absence will leave a hard place to fill, for "Clip" was certainly a worker and as enthusiastic a member as Alpha-Sigma had.

Bro. Landacre will spend his summer in Massachusetts, working along his line—that of zoology and embryology. Bro. Hunt will spend his vacation in Chicago. The rest of us poor mortals will either spend our vacation at home or nowhere. Ah, pardon my mistake! Bros. Johnson and Mattingly seem to have found something, or rather some one, in Columbus so attractive that they will doubtless spend the greater part of their vacation here.

Hoping that next fall will find the war over and our brothers alive and with us again, I remain, with best wishes for all,

Fraternally yours,

JUNE 20th, 1898.

L. M. LISLE.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

The Commencement exercises of the session of 1897-98 are just over. Yesterday the members of the Class of '98 in the Law and Literary Departments received their diplomas. Alpha-Upsilon was represented among the graduates by four men, Bros. Alford, Andrews, Locke, and your corre-

spondent. Bros. Andrews and Locke were charter members of the Chapter, and have both had prominent parts in its progress and success. Bro. Alford has been a member of the Chapter during this year only, but from the time of his initiation he has been one of its most active and enthusiastic men, and during the term just past has officiated as G. M.

We who are members of the graduating class are very sorry indeed to leave the Chapter and to say good-bye to the boys. Our Fraternity life has been the source of a very great deal of profit and pleasure to us during our stay at College, and the associations and friendships formed among the members of the Chapter, together with the many good times that we have had with them, will be remembered with more pleasure than will anything else connected with our stay at Millsaps. We leave the Chapter firmly believing that its future prosperity and success are assured, for we know the standing of the Chapter and the quality and spirit of the men who are on its roll.

We have just finished what has on the whole been the most successful year in the history of the Chapter. Our Chapter has been larger this year than ever before. We have spent a considerable amount of money on our hall, and are in better shape every way than in any previous year.

The Commencement which is just past was one of the most successful and enjoyable in the history of the College. The medals were hotly contested for, and the speeches and declamations were unusually good. The Lamar Society won in the annual Lamar-Galloway debate, the medal for the best debate delivered on that occasion being awarded to Bro. H. T. Carley. Bro. J. B. Mitchell won the Gunning medal for Scripture reading. Bro. Mitchell was also elected by the Faculty to represent Millsaps College in the Southern States Oratorical Contest, which is to take place at Monteagle, Tenn., some time during the summer, this being one of the highest honors in the gift of the College.

On last Monday evening the Chapter gave a reception in honor of its graduates. This was the pleasantest social event of the College year. The Chapter's rooms, beautifully decorated, were filled with guests from nine o'clock till nearly one, the hours being swiftly and pleasantly passed away in conversation. Late in the evening delightful refreshments were served, and throughout everything combined to make the occasion one long to be remembered in the history of Alpha-Upsilon.

The Chapter received a very pleasant visit from Bro. Geo. R. Rea, of Phi Chapter, last week. We had the pleasure of having Bro. C. G. Jones and Bro. J. H. Holloman with us during Commencement. Bro. H. F. Sproles, who has been at Mississippi College during the past session, was also with us on that occasion.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT B. RICKETTS.

JUNE 15th, 1898.

ALPHA-PHI.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

Another school year has come to a close. It is with a feeling of pride that Alpha-Phi looks over her record. Although scarcely ever numbering over ten men, we believe that we may truly and unhesitatingly lay claim to having been the most representative Fraternity at Bucknell. To make a brief resumé: in athletics, on the foot-ball team we had three very strong representatives, one of whom, Bro. Jenkinson, at the close of the season was elected Captain; on the basket-ball team we had two men, and on the base-ball team three representatives, one of whom, Bro. Catterall, was elected Captain; in the class room we maintained a record equal to any, carrying off the leading prizes in the College; in journalistic enterprise we had the editor-in-chiefship of

all three of the College papers, and two representatives on the Junior annual; in the line of music we were well represented in every organization of the kind in the institution, and had the Leader and President of the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Three of our number graduated with the Class of '98. They were all good men who will be sadly missed by the Chapter.

Bro. Gilpin we will mention first, as he was longest in the Chapter. He has always been a leading factor in the Chapter and the school, and his loss will be deeply felt. He intends to follow the profession of teaching for the present.

Bro. Lindemann was recognized as the best student in the University. He captured during his course six prizes, the last one being the Tustin prize in Psychology and Ethics, which is regarded as the highest honor in College, and which, by the way, has been taken three successive years by a wearer of the Star and Crescent. He also intends to teach for the present.

Bro. Koons is our only soldier, being a member of the Twelfth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, stationed at the present time at Camp Alger, Va. Although he was present but a short time during this term, he was granted his diploma, *summa cum laude*, and also awarded the Hollopeter Chemistry prize.

Bucknell has more students in the Spanish-American war than any other college in the United States in proportion to the number of students enrolled.

The base-ball season just closed was the most successful in the history of the institution, our team losing but one college game, and that at the opening of the season before they were in any condition. One of our most notable victories was that over Mount St. Mary's, at Emmittsburg, Md., by the score of 13 to 1, a team that had a brilliant record and had not been defeated on their own grounds for several years. Bro. Catterall was catcher, Bro. Jenkinson played

right field, and Bro. Griffith covered second base. At the close of the season Bro. Catterall, '99, was elected Captain.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas for a most pleasant and prosperous vacation, I am,

Fraternally,

OLIVER J. DECKER.

JUNE 27th, 1898.

ALPHA-CHI.

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, LAKE FOREST, ILL.

Alpha-Chi is proud of her success during the school year that is just closing. Although laboring under many difficulties, still Alpha-Chi has demonstrated that Kappa Sigma is "the only" Fraternity in Lake Forest University, and that she has by far the most representative men in college.

During the year we have initiated eight men, and thus, as we have only three graduating this year, we will be on a solid footing next year, with twelve men to start out with. Alpha-Chi has been well represented on all college associations, musical clubs, and athletic teams. The year has been a success from a social standpoint also, as in every social event we undertook we more than sustained the reputation of the Chapter as an entertainer. We are not boasting of our own work, but simply showing how old Kappa Sigma is always in the lead.

The result of the election of officers for next year was as follows: Knouff, G. M.; Alcott, G. M. C.; McCornack, G. P.; Herrick, G. T.; Banta, G. S.; Rath and Colwell, Guards.

Wishing all brothers in Kappa Sigma a most pleasant vacation, I am,

Fraternally,

O. H. MCCORNACK.

JUNE 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB.

Since the last letter from Alpha-Psi appeared in *THE CADUCEUS* two of its members have gone to the front in the service of their country. Bro. Towle, who has acted for some time as the Chapter correspondent, is now in San Francisco, and perhaps before this letter appears he will be on his way to the Philippine Islands. The *Nebraska State Journal*, the leading daily of Lincoln, has been publishing long and very interesting letters from him relative to the Nebraska soldiers who are in the West. Bro. Culver enlisted as a member of a cavalry troop of which his father is Captain, and at the present time he is in Chickamauga.

Bro. Fisher, a member of the Class of '98, has been honored by an election to Sigma-Xi, the scholarship society. Bro. Fisher's work in the Geological Department of the University has been such as to elicit exceptional commendation from Professor Barbour, who has the department in charge.

One of the great events of the year in University circles has been the joint debate with Kansas. Bro. Matson was one of the three speakers for Nebraska, and the speech that he made reflected credit upon himself and the Chapter. Alpha-Psi feels especially proud of Bro. Matson's triumph, because he was the only Fraternity man that succeeded in getting a place on the debate.

Bro. Robbins is in the South, acting as special correspondent for the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. Letters from him inform us that he has met a number of Kappa Sigmas, and invariably they have given him a warm welcome. While in Lincoln Bro. Robbins made a reputation for himself as a newspaper man. Previous to his departure for the South he held the position of City Editor on the *Lincoln News*, the leading evening paper published here.

The Pan-Hellenic dance took place recently, and it

proved to be one of the great social events of the year. Alpha-Psi was well represented.

Alpha-Psi's prospects for next year seem bright. There are a number of Seniors in the Chapter, but we hope to fill their places with creditable men. Three young men who have been very prominent in athletics have pledged themselves to join us at the opening of the next school year.

Very fraternally,

SAM. B. SLOAN.

MAY 30th, 1898.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.

With the Commencement exercises, June 8th, closed the first year of the life of Alpha-Omega, and we can look back over our work and find many things of which we may justly be proud. Though we initiated but three men during the year, yet we have built up a strong internal structure, and while some misunderstandings have taken place, we feel that we are all the more closely bound together on account of these very things. No small share of honors have come to us. Bro. Scott represented us on the Oratorical contest, and took second honors in the Essay contest; Bro. Simrall took second honors in the Declamation contest. We were represented on the foot-ball team by Bros. Sydnor, Grady, Word, and Bruce. Among the Class leaders on the final examinations we count Bros. Bishop, Word, and Bruce. Bros. Bishop, Simrall, and Scott made their appearance at the annual June entertainments of the Excelsior and Philomathic Literary Societies. Bro. Bruce was elected by the Faculty as Chief Usher for Commencement.

We lose by graduation three men, Bros. Bywaters, Yates, and Word. It is needless to say that we shall miss these men, for Bros. Word and Bywaters were charter mem-

bers of Alpha-Omega, and had been tried in every way and found worthy. Though Bro. Yates had been one of us for only one year, yet he had come to occupy a large place in our hearts. Bro. Word has been chosen President of Wayne Academy, Piedmont, Mo., and Bro. Yates will probably teach. Bro. Bywaters and wife will go to the farm and "take life easy." During Commencement we enjoyed visits from our first Alumni, Bro. J. J. Bowman, of Salem, Mo., and Bro. D. Otto Row, of Beta-Gamma. Just after Comencement we initiated Mr. Bartlett Roper Bishop, of Liberty, Mo., brother of our C. R. Bishop. Our new brother proved himself in every way worthy, and is the author of a "Kappa Sigma Two-Step" for the piano, which we have just had published. All of the brothers have gone to their homes except Bro. Scott, who will remain in Liberty a part of the summer.

With best wishes for a jolly vacation to all within the bonds, I am,

Fraternally,

RICHARD IRVING BRUCE.

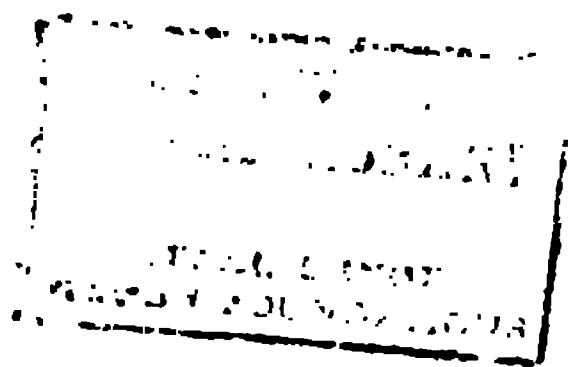
JUNE 10th, 1898.

BETA-BETA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, RICHMOND, VA.

With the close of the session of 1897-98 Beta-Beta completes a successful year, although our Chapter was not organized until March 5th last. Not only did we have one of the largest Chapters in College, but also Beta-Beta's share of College honors has in no way been of small consequence, and Kappa Sigma has been represented in all departments of work among the student body.

By graduation we will lose Bros. Prince and Temple, and also Bro. Barksdale for other reasons. However, at present we expect to begin the next session with eight men, and thus we hope to even better our position and to main-





BETA-GAMMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

tain a worthy and enthusiastic Chapter during the coming session. From the present indications there will be good material in College next year, and we hope to reap our share of it.

Our prospects for athletics the coming session are very good, especially for a foot-ball team, as a majority of the old players will return.

At our last election the following were declared elected: Bro. Thomas Temple, G. M.; Bro. N. G. Woodson, G. P.; Bro. C. C. Barksdale, G. M. C.; Bro. J. H. Rew, G. S., and Bro. R. N. Pollard, G. T.

Our Commencement exercises were unusually pleasant, and passed off in a most satisfactory way. The graduating class this year was quite large. President W. R. Harper, Ph. D., LL. D., of the University of Chicago, delivered the Commencement address. Bro. R. L. Williams was Final Orator of the Mu Sigma Rho Literary Society, and Bro. W. L. Prince was Final President of the Philologian Society.

Lately Beta-Beta was the recipient of many visits from the members of both Eta and Nu. We highly appreciated their presence, and hope that in the future they will find it convenient to visit us more often, assuring them that we will always extend them a most cordial welcome.

With cordial greetings to all the Chapters, I am,
Fraternally,

J. H. REW.

JUNE 13th, 1898.

BETA-GAMMA.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA, MO.

The Chapter letter this time will necessarily be short, since your correspondent went into the volunteer army about a month before Commencement, and has heard only a few bits of news.

Bro. T. E. Martin stood out colors in the line of scholarship by being Vice-President of the Engineers, while Bro. E. F. W. was out there in tennis doubles.

The last night of the camp here last Sunday afternoon is the memory of the true brotherly feeling which exists between all Kappa Sigmas and binds them together by its strengthening ties. All Kappa Sigmas that were known to be in camp and were all there gathered together and had a reunion such as had probably never before been seen. Men from all over the Union were gathered together by their common love for Kappa Sigma. I would like to write a complete account of the affair, but as it will appear in THE CAUCUSES in another place I will content myself with the hope of having been present.

FRIENDLY.

GEORGE GORDON ROBERTSON.

CHEIKAMANGA NATIONAL PARK, June 14th. 1898.

BETA-DELTA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.

Vacation has come again, and we are parting for the first time as a band of brothers in Kappa Sigma. Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of two visits from Bro. Herr, of State College. We found him to be a splendid fellow, as well as a true and loyal Kappa Sigma. We are sorry that vacation has come so soon, as our zeal was increasing with our days. We have bright prospects before us, though, for the coming year, and hope that they will be realized.

We have been trying to develop fellowship among each other rather than increase our numbers. Still we have pledged the base-ball pitcher of the College, and who, as far as we know, will be the pitcher for the next three years. We consider him a strong addition to our numbers, and are glad

we have secured him. We have some good men in view who are to enter in the fall, when we will be able to report a long list of new brothers. We are trying to secure a house for the coming year, and hope that we shall succeed.

The new college annual is out, and is the best ever put out by the college. Bro. Underwood deserves a great deal of credit for the admirable showing of the Miscellaneous Department, of which he was Editor. Bro. Cleeland was elected Manager of the track team. Bro. Musgrave was elected President of Philo and Union Literary Society, and Bro. Underwood an officer of the same. Bro. Stone was chosen as First Corporal of the College military company. Your humble scribe won the \$12 prize given by Franklin and Washington Literary Society for first place in contest on original oration, and was chosen Original Orator for the contest against the other society the coming year. Also won first place in Junior Oratorical Contest.

We wish again to thank the Chapters for the great number of congratulations we received. It makes us glad to know that all over this broad land we have friends and brothers bound together with unity and fellowship in upholding Kappa Sigma.

As we depart for the year we send one and all a fraternal greeting, with best wishes for merry times and a safe return.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

R. P. LIPPINCOTT.

JUNE 21st, 1898.

- '99. Charles Roberts, Ruston, La.
- '00. Joseph Albert Price, Lockport, La.
- '00. Arnold Barksdale, Ruston, La.
- '00. William Atkinson, Ruston, La.

DELTA, DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

- Med. Neil McRae, Fayetteville, N. C.
- '00. Richard Morrison King, Concord, N. C.
- '00. Charles Grandison Rose, Fayetteville, N. C.
- '01. Reed Smith, Columbia, S. C.
- '01. Morrison Fetzner, Concord, N. C.
- '01. Milton Morris Caldwell, Concord, N. C.

EPSILON, CENTENARY COLLEGE.

- '00. Joseph Hampton Slaughter, Port Hudson, La.
- '01. Hardie Jackson Redditt, Columbia, La.

ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

- *Christopher Browne Garnett, Mathews, Va.
- *John Henry Chapman, Gordonsville, Va.

ETA, RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

- '99. James Duncan Hughlett, Lancaster, Va.
- '00. James Miller Leake, Ashland, Va.

THETA, CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY.

- '98. Robert Fulton, Fayetteville, Tenn.

IOTA, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

- '99. Frank Blackman Lane, Georgetown, Tex.
- '99. Alfred Alexander Chapman, Jonesboro, Tex.
- '01. Osborne L. Bailey, Temple, Tex.
- '01. Wayne Hughes Brown, Collinsville, Tex.
- '01. Leslie Allison Stemmons, Dallas, Tex.
- '01. Beverley Earle Solomon, Georgetown, Tex.
- '02. Ralph Alison Porter, Georgetown, Tex.

KAPPA, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

- '01. Verdo Wilson Wood, San Antonio, Tex.
- '01. John Ford House Barbee, Nashville, Tenn.
- '01. Walter Ewing Simmons, Adairville, Ky.

LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

- '00. Walter Stewart Wilkes, Pulaski, Tenn.
- '00. Thomas Barksdale Collier, Memphis, Tenn.
- '01. Houston Thomas Allen, Pulaski, Tenn.
- '01. Clifford Robertson Allen, Pulaski, Tenn.
- '01. James McGuiar Durrett, Springfield, Tenn.
- '01. James Gus Cate, Cleveland, Tenn.
- '01. Percy Blythe Mayfield, Cleveland, Tenn.

NU, WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE.

- *Richard Watcoat Wheat, Dumfries, Va.
- *Gamaliel Jerome Downing, Downings, Va.
- *Paul Cullen Palmer, Kilmarnock, Va.
- *John Nourse Hornbaker, Manassas, Va.
- *John Marye Lewis, Manassas, Va.
- *Cary Travers Grayson, Culpeper, Va.
- *Landon Wilmer White, Eureka Mills, Va.

XI, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

- '99. Charles Hector Orto, Pine Bluff, Ark.
- '00. Thomas Tillar Dickinson, Summerville, Ark.
- '00. William Dodge Gray, Little Rock, Ark.
- '01. Calvin Sellers, Morrillton, Ark.

* No class system.

- '01. Marvin Davis Clark, Waldo, Ark.
- '01. John Henry Means, Hampton, Ark.
- '01. Charles Buckner Martin, Fort Worth, Tex.
- '01. Elliott Rossen Berry, Bentonville, Ark.
- '01. Rigby de Woody Valliant, Pine Bluff, Ark.
- '01. Baxter Paul Ware, Hot Springs, Ark.
- '01. John Middleton Clayton, Little Rock, Ark.
- '01. Walter Eugene Taylor, Holly Grove, Ark.
- '01. Elmer Conway Knott, Bentonville, Ark.

PI, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

- '01. Frank Hall Kirk, Curwensville, Pa.

SIGMA, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

- '98. Hartwell Whitten Rogers, Wesson, Miss.
- '98. George Whitfield Jack, Natchitoches, La.
- '98. Deury Wood Breazeale, Natchitoches, La.
- '98. John Gabriel Robin, New Orleans, La.
- '99. Joseph Sidney Tremoulet, New Orleans, La.
- '01. William Bennett Hogg, New Orleans, La.

TAU, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

- '99. Leonard Anderson Abercrombie, Huntsville, Tex.
- '99. Charles Holland Leavell, Georgetown, Tex.
- '01. David Baxter Ryan, Memphis, Tenn.
- '01. John Hancock, Austin, Tex.

UPSILON, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

- '99. Edward Henderson Richardson, Farmville, Va.
- '00. Lavillon Dupuy Cole, Danville, Va.
- '00. Thomas Ballard Blake, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.
- '00. Samuel Edmond Osbourne, Duffields, W. Va.
- '01. James William Kinnier, Lynchburg, Va.
- '01. Edward Elliott Booker, Snyder, Va.

PHI, SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

- '00. Henry Lewis Bailey, Clarksville, Tenn.
- '01. Chester George Bond, Jr., Jackson, Tenn.

'01. William Bristol Gray, Elizabethtown, Ky.

'01. Otis Dewitt Lyle, Clarksville, Tenn.

CHI, PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Sp. Jay Lee Turner, Muncie, Ind.

'99. Clem Thistlethwaite, Richmond, Ind.

'99. Charles Parker Baxter, Taylorsville, Ill.

'00. Tilghman Armstrong Wallace, Bedford, Ind.

'00. William Hendry Prentice, Toledo, O.

'01. Walter Talcott Bronson, Indianapolis, Ind.

'01. Myron Henry Spades, Indianapolis, Ind.

'01. Thomas Hendricks David, Indianapolis, Ind.

PSI, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

'99. William Augustine Murry, Pittsfield, Me.

'00. Julian Sturdivent Dunn, Cumberland, Me.

'01. George Harold Davis, Auburn, Me.

'01. Louis Goodrich Varney, Windham Centre, Me.

'01. Frederic Albert Willard, Lisbon, Me.

'01. Bert Clayton Chandler, Westbrook, Me.

'01. George E. Goodwin, Gorham, N. H.

'01. Walter Henry Rastall, Chicago, Ill.

'01. John Elwood Tasker, Iceboro, Me.

'01. George Leonard Freeman, West Gray, Me.

OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

*Sidney Bertrand Smith, Rockvale, Tenn.

*Henry Hawes Chandler, Louisa, Va.

*William Allen Turner, Newnan, Ga.

*George Clifton Edwards, Dallas, Tex.

*Charles Frederick Christian Lonberg, Louisville, Ky.

*Otis Hackett Johnson, Waco, Tex.

*William Mecklin Edwards, Jr., Dallas, Tex.

*Lewis Thayer Mitchell, Braddock, Pa.

*Charles Henry Martin, Buffalo, N. Y.

* No class system.

ETA PRIME, TRINITY COLLEGE.

- '98. John Partridge Gibbons, Wilmington, N. C.
- '99. Robert Bruce Etheridge, Manteo, N. C.
- '01. Stephen Woodard Anderson, Wilson, N. C.
- '01. George Leonidas Lyon, Durham, N. C.

ALPHA-ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

- '98. Beecher Sackett Clother, Glen Falls, N. Y.
- '99. Frank Frederick Luthardt, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Jerome Harry Wilms, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Louis McKim Kines, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Charles Addison Hook, Jr., Baltimore, Md.
- '99. James Rawlings Brewer, Jr., Baltimore, Md.
- '99. William Milnes Maloy, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Edward Hughes Sappington, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. John Branham Deming, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Thomas Stephens Rice, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. John Leo Virgil Murphy, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Frank Marion Widner, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Harry Whinner Nice, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Leon Augustus Walters, Smethport, Pa.
- '99. Emanuel Jerome Ellinger, Baltimore, Md.
- '99. Elias Oliver Grimes, Jr., Westminster, Md.
- '00. George Francis Donnelly, Baltimore, Md.

ALPHA-BETA, MERCER UNIVERSITY.

- '00. John Harman Taylor, Davisboro, Ga.
- '01. William Lopez Taliaferro, Sandersville, Ga.
- '01. Robert Franklin Carter, Ellerslie, Ga.
- '01. James Everett Morton, James Station, Ga.

ALPHA-GAMMA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

- '99. James I. Wernham, Marengo, Ill.
- '99. George Cassius Fairclo, Urbana, Ill.
- '99. Eugenc William Penn Flesch, Chicago, Ill.
- '00. Clarence Oliver Simpson, Hindsboro, Ill.

- '00. Robert Ingersoll Thornton, Magnolia, Ill.
- '00. Harvey Darling McCollum, Louisville, Ill.
- '01. George Royal Davis, Chicago, Ill.
- '01. Walter James Martin, Wilmington, Ill.
- '02. Joseph James Thornton, Magnolia, Ill.

ALPHA-DELTA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

- '98. John Elvin Clapper, Martinsburg, Pa.
- '98. Harry Groff Huber, Greensburg, Pa.
- '99. Joseph Lour Stewart, Arch Spring, Pa.
- '01. Reese Oliver Snowden, Pittsburg, Pa.
- '01. Andrew Graeme Herr, Parnassus, Pa.
- '01. Isaac Granthem Gordon Forster, State College, Pa.
- '01. Thomas Dwight Thomas, Lansford, Pa.
- '01. Joseph Paul Ritenour, Uniontown, Pa.

ALPHA-EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- '98. Richard Conway Birney, Washington, D. C.
- '98. Louis Raymond Seymour, Warren, R. I.
- '00. Frederick Lewis Wallace, Philadelphia, Pa.
- '00. John Aloysius Colghan, Philadelphia, Pa.
- '00. William Thompson Robinson, Freehold, N. J.
- '01. Clarence William Close, Pittsburg, Pa.

ALPHA-ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

- '99. Alex. Donald Gundry, Grand Blanc, Mich.
- '99. Le Roy Campbell, Council Bluffs, Ia.
- '00. Richard Lionel King, Peterboro, Ontario.
- '00. Clay William Kelly, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- '00. Donald Mayhew McCall, Flint, Mich.
- '00. Robert Blake Griffith, Council Bluffs, Ia.
- '00. Herbert Bernard Buster, Charleston, W. Va.
- '01. Edwin McGinnis, Chicago, Ill.
- '01. James Ronald Henry, Chicago, Ill.

ALPHA-ETA, COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

- '98. George Congdon Fouse, Washington, D. C.
- '98. Algernon Edward Urban Sartoris, Washington, D. C.
- '98. John Bernard Dahlgren, Washington, D. C.
- '98. Melville Granville Adams, Washington, D. C.
- '98. Robert Pryor Henry, Brandon, Miss.
- '99. Sothoron Key, Leonardtown, Md.
- '99. Francis Moulton Benjamin, Washington, D. C.
- '99. Frederick E. Young, Washington, D. C.
- '99. Alvah Worrell Patterson, Heppner, Ore.
- '99. Amrah Lester Tracy, Washington, D. C.
- Sp. Charles Wendell Holmes, Washington, D. C.

ALPHA-THETA, SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

- Sp. James Pyper Bird, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- '01. Arthur Worth Whitesides, Boonville, Miss.
- '01. Lyle Haywood Buck, Memphis, Tenn.
- '01. Edward William Skene, Louisville, Ky.
- '01. William Adkins Klutts, Ripley, Tenn.
- '01. Julian Smith, Booneville, Miss.
- '01. Irvin Augustus Rainey, Mercer, Tenn.
- '01. Robert Bailey Nelson, Jackson, Tenn.
- '01. Will Smedley Harris, Jackson, Tenn.

ALPHA-IOTA, GRANT UNIVERSITY.

- Sp. Robert Wesley Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.
- '98. Harry Russell Caldwell, Johnson City, Tenn.
- '98. John Walter Keener, Jonesborough, Tenn.
- '98. Chauncy Craig Hacker, Jonesboro, Tenn.
- '98. Ulysses Sevier Andes, Sevierville, Tenn.
- '99. Charles Michael Snyder, Stribling Springs, Va.
- '99. Leonard Luther Baber, Edwardsville, Ala.
- '00. Luther Spencer Cooper, Kimbra's Store, Tenn.

ALPHA-KAPPA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

- '00. George Ernest Houck, Buffalo, N. Y.
- '00. M. Joseph Kinsella, Buffalo, N. Y.
- '01. Edwin Atlee Glenn, Berwick, Pa.
- '01. Henry Van Treis Black, Mercersburg, Pa.
- '01. Harry Lee Simons, Sardinia, N. Y.
- '01. Byron Albert Kilbourne, Liberty, N. Y.
- '01. Charles Edmond Hewitt, North Towanda, N. Y.

ALPHA-LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

- '01. Aaron Hinman Grout, Derby, Vt.
- '01. George Edgar Nelson, Derby Line, Vt.
- '01. Allan Wilson Kingsland, Burlington, Vt.
- '01. Dan. German Seager, Brandon, Vt.
- '01. Howard Russell Smalley, Burlington, Vt.
- '01. Ernest Hiram Buttles, Brandon, Vt.
- '01. Harry Henry Reynolds, Cambridge, Vt.

ALPHA-MU, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

- Sp. Ernest Taylor Bynum, Pittsboro, N. C.
- Ph. David Clarence Swindell, Rocky Mount, N. C.
- '99. James Humphrey Simmons, Newberne, N. C.
- '00. Henry Whitaker Collins, Enfield, N. C.

ALPHA-NU, WOFFORD COLLEGE.

- '99. Ernest Wiggins, Holly Hill, S. C.
- '99. William Rives Crum, Rowesville, S. C.
- '00 Charles Boyd Burnett, Cross Anchor, S. C.
- '00. Vernon Few, Hendersonville, N. C.
- '01. Newton Leonard Bennett, Jr., Reidville, S. C.
- '01. Millege Shaw Asbell, Johnston, S. C.

ALPHA-XI, BETHEL COLLEGE.

- '00. Da Costa Walker. Hot Springs. Ark.

ALPHA-OMICRON, KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

- '99. Jacob Clay Stone, Paris, Ky.
- '00. Charlie Hibler, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
- '00. Thomas Hughes Atkinson, Owingsville, Ky.
- '00. Guy Clark Heckel, Decatur, Ill.
- '00. Lucien Luttrell Miner, New York, N. Y.
- '00. Thomas Hanley Shanks, Stanford, Ky.
- '00. Edward Ray Mann, Paris, Ky.
- '00. James Duncan Chambers, Paris, Ky.


ALPHA-PI, WABASH COLLEGE.

- '00. Reginald Gates Pape, McLeansboro, Ill.
- '01. Robert E. Lee Frank, Paris, Ky.
- '01. George Guido Alig, Indianapolis, Ind.
- '01. Paul Marshall Eckley, McLeansboro, Ill.
- '01. Harry Augustus Bevis, McLeansboro, Ill.
- '01. Edward Stewart McClure, Toledo, O.

ALPHA-RHO, BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

- '00. Clifford Sawyer Bragdon, Brunswick, Me.
- '01. Elliott William Loring, Yarmouth, Me.
- '01. Arthur Lawrence Small, Yarmouth, Me.
- '01. Thomas William Bowler, Hopkinton, Mass.
- '01. Harry Howard Cloudman, South Windham, Me.
- '01. Gardner Merrill Parker, Gorham, Me.
- '01. Marshall Scott Clark, Brunswick, Me.

ALPHA-SIGMA, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

- '99. Leslie MacLisle, Columbus, O.
 - '99. Herbert Howard Mattingly, Celina, O.
 - '00. Edwin Brown Evans, Troy, O.
 - '01. Howard Allen Weisman, Columbus, O.
 - '01. Wallace Leedon Hunt, St. Paris, O.
 - '01. Loren Winfield Poole, De Graff, O.
 - '01. Frederick Pontius Long, Kingston, O.
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ALPHA-TAU, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

- Sp. Edward Campbell Davis, Atlanta, Ga.
- Sp. Joseph Pelham, Decatur, Ga.
- Sp. John Logan Jones, Atlanta, Ga.
- '01. William Darius Ferris, Augusta, Ga.
- '02. Paul Howes Norcross, Atlanta, Ga.
- '02. John Flynn Seawell, Atlanta, Ga.
- '02. George Jefferson Howard, Augusta, Ga.
- '02. Henry Crumbliss, Jr., Kingston, Tenn.
- '02. Shepherd Augustus Lane, La Grange, Ga.

ALPHA-UPSILON, MILLSAPS COLLEGE.

- '98. James Blair Alford, Gallman, Miss.
- '00. James Boswell Mitchell, Leesburg, Va.
- '01. Nathaniel Vick Robbins, Vicksburg, Miss.
- '01. Hugh Birdsong Caffey, Doddsville, Miss.
- '01. Levin Freeland Magruder, New Orleans, La.
- '01. Leonidas Catching Holloman, Natchez, Miss.
- '01. Hamilton Fletcher Sivley, Jackson, Miss.
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ZETA.

Dr. George T. Vaughan, formerly in charge of the United States Marine Hospital at Philadelphia, has been appointed Surgeon of the Eighth Regiment, United States Volunteers, with the rank of Major.

ETA.

William C. Archer received his degree of M. D. from the University College of Medicine at Richmond, Va., in May last.

MU.

Briscoe W. Peyton is now Chief Clerk at the Intermont Hotel, Covington, Va.

NU.

Jacob Morton White, '98, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the June meeting of the William and Mary Chapter, having the distinction of being the only one elected from the student body.

J. B. McCaw is traveling agent for the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Richmond Steamboat Co., with headquarters at Norfolk, Va.

Willis Campbell received the degree of Ph. D. from the Johns Hopkins University in June last.

XI.

Bro. E. K. Braly is Captain of Company B, of the First Regiment of Arkansas Volunteers, and is at present with his command at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, Ga.

Professor John C. Futrall was married on Wednesday, June 15th, to Miss Annie Duke, of Fayetteville, Ark. Bro. Futrall holds the Chair of Ancient Languages and Literature in the University of Arkansas, and is a loyal Kappa Sigma. THE CADUCEUS extends to the newly wedded couple its congratulations, and wishes them many years of happiness.

OMICRON.

Charles Henry Shannon, Ph. D., is instructor in Greek, Hebrew, and Sanskrit at the University of Wisconsin.

Samuel Aston, Jr., of Lebanon, Va., was married in the latter part of May to Miss Elizabeth Alexander.

PI.

Guy T. Viskniskki, '98, is a Corporal in Company F, First Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers.

C. Irving Leiper, '95, is a Corporal in Company C, First Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers.

John A. Thayer, '92, has been appointed Second Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment, West Virginia Volunteers.

John F. Murray, '92, is with Company D, First Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers.

Effingham Lawrence, Jr., ex-'98, is with the Naval Reserves on board the "Yankee."

Edwin Douglass Hubbard, '98, is with the First Cavalry, United States Army.

SIGMA.

Mark M. Boatner has been appointed Major in the Second Regiment, Louisiana Volunteers.

Armand Romain has been appointed a Major in the Ninth Louisiana Volunteers.

OMEGA.

Joseph Wheeler, Jr., is Lieutenant on the staff of his father, Major-General Wheeler, who has been engaged before Santiago de Cuba.

ETA PRIME.

Alexander M. Long has been appointed postmaster at Rockingham, N. C.

Dr. E. T. White, of Oxford, N. C., has been chosen to deliver the annual address before the Alumni Association of Trinity College next year. Dr. White possesses genuine oratorical abilities.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

Mr. William Henry Lighty was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Young, of Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, June 23d last. The future home of the happy couple will be at 1832 Carr Street, St. Louis, Mo. To them THE CADUCEUS extends its heartiest congratulations.

ALPHA-ETA.

Dr. Lincoln Johnson is Prosector to Chair of Anatomy at Columbian University.

Dr. E. G. Seibert is Demonstrator of Chemistry at Columbian University.

ALPHA-MU.

R. E. Hollingsworth received the degree of M. D. on May 27th from the University College of Medicine, at Richmond, Va.

ALPHA-PHI.

The annual symposium of Alpha-Phi Chapter was held at the Cameron House, Lewisburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, June 21st, and was the crowning event in a prosperous year for Kappa Sigma at Bucknell University.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

“The Kappa Sigma Two-Step” is a new musical composition just issued by Professor B. R. Bishop, of this city, a young composer of great promise. The march is dedicated to Alpha-Omega Chapter of the Fraternity named, located at William Jewell College.—*Liberty (Mo.) Tribune.*

Mr. Richard A. Bywaters was married on June 8th to Miss Mary Alice Atchison, at the home of the bride's parents in Liberty, Mo. THE CADUCEUS extends its congratulations to the happy couple.

BETA-GAMMA.

George Gordon Robertson, '99, is with Company I, Fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. Bro. Gordon comes of fighting stock, his father having been an officer in the English army.

DELTA PRIME.

W. H. Osborne, U. S. A., has been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant in the First United States Cavalry.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Delta Tau Delta revived her University of Virginia Chapter on the 30th of April, with nine members, of whom six were initiates and three transfers. This Chapter had previously existed from 1889 to 1893.

Delta Tau Delta entered the University of Chicago on the 13th of May by absorbing the Black Dragon Society, initiating eleven members. The new Chapter occupies a good house and otherwise makes an auspicious start in the Fraternity world at Chicago.

Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn its Hillsdale, Mich., and Lansing, Mich., charters, this action taking effect on Commencement day, 1898. The charter at Lansing is withdrawn because of the low standard of the school; the charter at Hillsdale on account of the decrease in attendance and lack of suitable material.—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

Fifty years ago a man usually wore his Fraternity pin in his cravat. As time wore on the pin advanced to the lapel of the coat, then Fraternity conservatism dictated that it was ill-mannered to display it upon any place but the waistcoat. The best authorities upon the subject recognize that it is only proper to wear the pin as near the heart as possible.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The consolidation of Harvard University with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which is now being considered by the authorities of these great seats of learning, would make one of the largest universities in the world, with six thousand or more students. Should this consolidation become an accomplished fact, it would raise interesting prob-

lems in the Fraternities represented at one or the other of the institutions, and where the college atmosphere is widely different.

Phi Delta Theta has entered the University of Cincinnati by absorbing the local society, Gamma Nu Sigma, which was formed last November for the purpose of securing a charter from Phi Delta Theta. There were eleven charter members from the local society and two affiliates. The initiation took place on the 2d of July at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The new Chapter will be a strong rival to the Chapters of Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which exist at the University.

Think of Harvard as a name to fight under, when not a vessel in the service honors that of William Bainbridge or Isaac Hull or James Lawrence or John Paul Jones! Conceive of calling a great cruiser the "Yale" and a wretched little torpedo boat the "Farragut" or the "Decatur!" Only one step further and we shall have the United States monitor "Vassar" and the United States battleship the "Misses Jones's Seminary." Harvard and Yale are not Paul Jones or Hull! Shades of the mighty dead!—*Army and Navy Journal*.

An Adelbert Fraternity man, a "Delt," is the possessor of a peculiar bed quilt. Its upper layer is made of small squares pieced together in the usual way, and each square contains the name of a friend of the man beneath the quilt. There are several scores of these names, and every little while a new one is secured and placed in one of the few remaining blank squares. The names are embroidered in place, and taken together they look at a distance like a mosaic of Egyptian hieroglyphics. The owner is proud of his autograph blanket, and declares that he sleeps a good deal more securely when covered by so many excellent indorsements.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Rev. Warren A. Candler, D. D., a member of Southern Kappa Alpha and formerly a prominent officer in that Fraternity, was one of two men elected bishop, last month, by the quadrennial general conference of the Southern Methodist Church. He has been President of Emory College for ten years, and during that time the College has received large additions to its endowment, while the number of students is greater than ever before. His successor as President is Rev. C. E. Dowman, D. D., Emory, '73, also a Kappa Alpha. Dr. Candler was graduated at Emory in 1875, and is probably the youngest man ever elected to the episcopate in the M. E. Church, South.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

At the Princeton dinner, which took place at New York City, in January, President Patton said: "A great institution of learning should be separate, independent, and governed by laws of its own making. It should be free from political complications, and it should be free from ecclesiastical entanglements. I do not undervalue the moral tone that exists between Princeton and the Presbyterian Church, and I am loyal to my church, but I cannot consent to have the law of any church imposed on Princeton University (cheers). While I hold my place at the head of your *Alma Mater*, I will do what in me lies to keep the hand of ecclesiasticism from resting on Princeton University." (Tremendous cheering.) —*The Scroll.*

Fraternity circles at the University of Chicago were surprised yesterday by the announcement that the members of the Chicago Chapter of Sigma Nu had surrendered their charter and would continue their existence as a local club. The Chapter had been, since its organization in 1894, one of the strongest bodies of Greeks at the University. The new organization will be known as the Q. V. Club of the University of Chicago. Among its members are Captain Sawyer, of the base-ball team; Manager Frutchy, of the Glee and

Mandolin Club; J. F. Hagey, President of the Senior Class, and R. T. Rogers, Chairman of Academic Day. No reasons are given for the surrender. The men of the deserting Chapter are reported as saying that Q. V. stands for "Quo Vadis." There is a rumor that they have petitioned Chi Psi.—*Chicago Times-Herald*, May 12th, 1898.

In the *Manual of Phi Delta Theta*, published as a supplement to the *Scroll* last October, we note the following interesting statements of fact:

"The Chapter at Centre was the only one established in the South before the war that was permanent. * * * The Chapter at Centre College, established in 1850, followed the example of the Miami Chapter and divided when its membership had reached nineteen. A charter for a second Chapter at Centre was granted in February, 1855, but the experiment not being found for the best, the charter was surrendered five months later. The members of the second Chapters at Miami and Centre affiliated again with their original Chapters. In no other Fraternity has there been an instance of bicameral Chapters in the same institution."—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The last Convention of Phi Kappa Psi passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Frank D. Swope, of Phi Delta Theta, in recognition of several acts of inter-fraternal courtesy performed by him in the interest of Phi Kappa Psi. The letter of Mr. Swope written in acknowledgment of this resolution, contains the following paragraph: "Any incident of inter-fraternal spirit tending to better the feeling between Fraternity rivals, and to reduce the possibility of the recurrence of such unpleasant experiences as your Fraternity and mine has had with Chapters in the Northwest, ought to be welcomed by all who have the best interests of the college Fraternity at heart. The best Fraternities all have a field of usefulness that is enhanced, in my opinion, by an honorable and digni-

fied rivalry with which the spirit of courtesy should not only be consistent but highly desirable." The fostering of this inter-fraternal spirit will become easy when all Fraternity members regard their fraternal duties as does Mr. Swope. With such a spirit we would no longer hear of "lifting."

The Chicago University, according to the last catalogue, has the largest proportion of female students of any of the great universities in the country. The total number of students in attendance last term was 1,156, of whom 697 were men and 459 were women, or 60 per cent. of the former and 40 per cent. of the latter. If the divinity school is omitted, and only the graduate and undergraduate departments are considered, there are found 532 men and 445 women, or 54 per cent. of the former to 46 per cent. of the latter; and if the undergraduate department alone is taken into account, the difference between the sexes is very small, the members being 337 men to 312 women, or 51 per cent. of the former to 49 per cent. of the latter. It might be inferred from this that co-education is much more of a success in the West than in the East, and that Western women are more anxious to obtain the advantages of higher education than Eastern women. The real explanation is, however, as the *Philadelphia Press* points out, that the West has no women's colleges of a high class like Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Baltimore, and Wellesley, and Western women seeking a college education have to avail themselves of the co-educational principles of the large universities.—*Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*.

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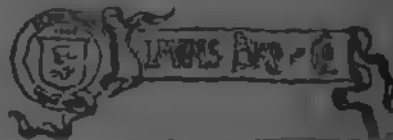
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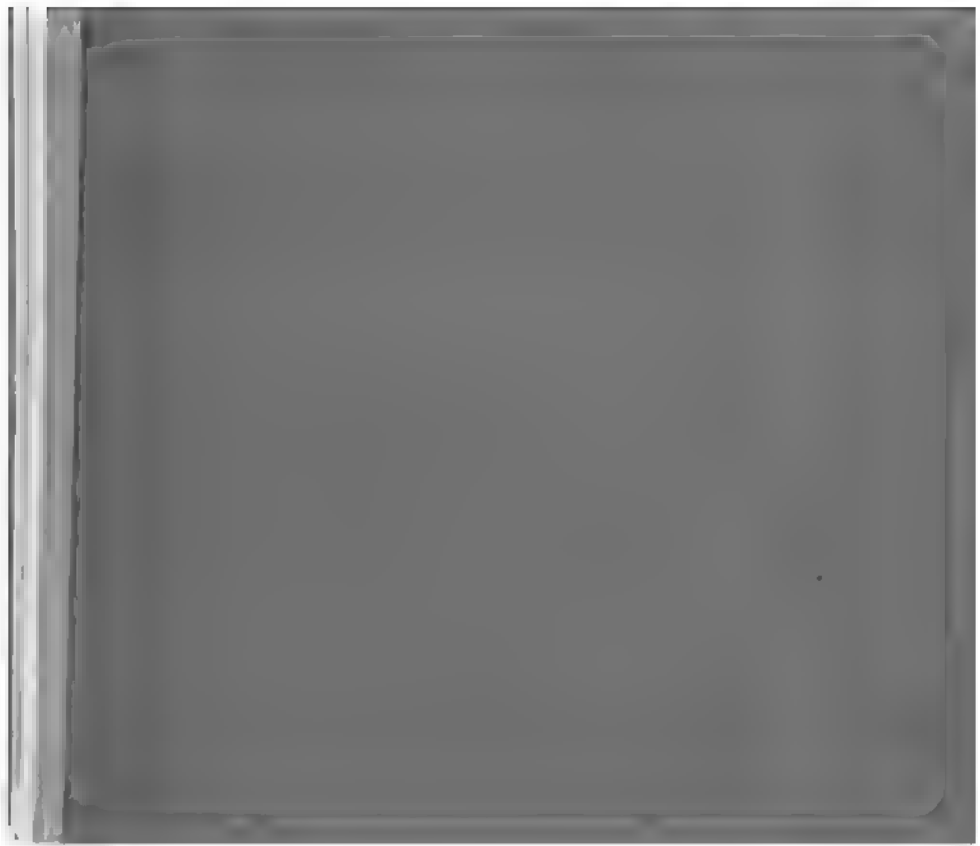
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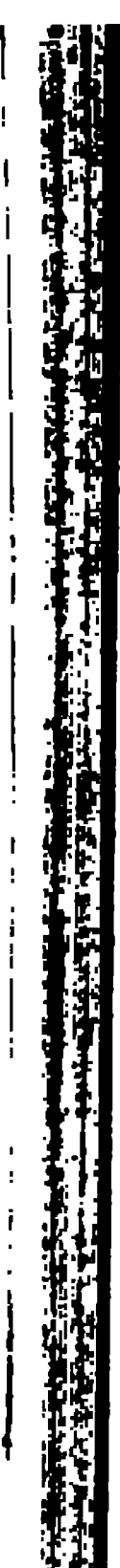
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A SKETCH OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

It is not too much to say that Scotch-Irish Presbyterianism is the real author of higher education in North Carolina, though much of it has passed from under its control. It is a matter of history also that the founding and fostering of the State University was due to the efforts of the Presbyterians of the State.

For a long time the church was satisfied with its connection with the State University, but in the progress of events the belief was strengthened that a loss of spiritual power and influence must come if the education of her sons was left entirely to public institutions. Acting under this belief, in 1835, the Presbyteries of Concord and Morganton

in North Carolina, and Bethel in South Carolina, undertook to found a college jointly. Drs. Morrison and Sparrow raised thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in five months, and the school was put in operation in 1837 under the presidency of Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, D. D.

It was named Davidson College, in honor of General William Davidson, a Revolutionary patriot, whose memory is still fragrant in western North Carolina.

The College opened with sixty-six students; Dr. Morrison, President and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy; Rev. J. D. Sparrow, D. D., Professor of Ancient Languages, and M. D. Johnson, Tutor of Mathematics.

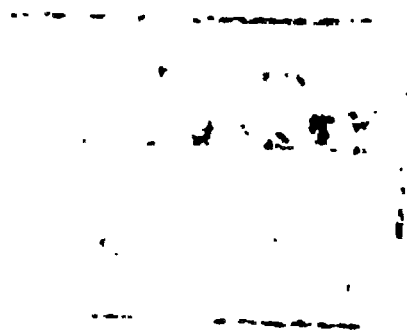
The first buildings were four rows of dormitories, of which two remain—Oak Row and Elm Row—the old chapel, the Stewart's Hall, the President's house, and "Tammany" for the Professor of Ancient Languages.

In 1840 Dr. Morrison retired from his office on account of ill health. His successor, Dr. Samuel Williamson, was President from 1841 to 1854, assisted usually by two professors. These were the dark days of struggle and anxiety of Davidson, to which new institutions are seldom strangers. At this crisis in her history, in the Providence of God, there was raised up a friend, to whose munificence is due the ever-increasing success of the college. Maxwell Chambers, Esq., a native of this region of country, conducted a prosperous mercantile business in Charleston, S. C., and in later years removed to Salisbury, N. C., where he died in February, 1855. One-half of his estate of a half million dollars he gave to his kindred and friends and the other half to the Trustees of Davidson College for the furtherance of Christian education. This legacy enabled them to provide a magnificent building at a cost of \$85,000, cabinets, apparatus, etc., and also to employ a large corps of professors.

Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., served as President for five years, and was succeeded in 1860 by Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick,



LAKA WILLY.—DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C.



D. D., and in 1866 by Rev. G. W. McPhail, D. D., who died in office in 1871.

The exercises of the College were not entirely suspended during the war, but a large portion of the endowment was lost by the failure of banks and the depreciation of securities, and the funds of the college were reduced to about \$70,000, as contrasted with the present endowment of \$120,000. Under Dr. McPhail's administration the college was again restored to prosperity.

Then Rev. A. D. Hepburn, D. D., LL. D., was made President, which office he filled until 1885, and on his resignation Rev. Luther McKinnon, D. D., was elected President. His initial career was one of great activity and promise, but stricken by disease, he was soon forced, in 1888, on account of continued ill health, to resign his office. Dr. McKinnon was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., LL. D., who has just completed the tenth year of a successful administration. He came to the College from Clarksville, Tenn., where he was for eighteen years connected with the Southwestern Presbyterian University from its first inception to its final equipment. He is associated with a homogeneous Faculty of vigorous and earnest men, whose untiring efforts and faithful work have secured for the College a larger success in all directions than ever before in its history.

There were registered during the past year 191 students in all departments. The North Carolina Medical College, which is located here at Davidson, of which Dr. J. P. Munroe is the head, is in close relation to the college, and many of its students pursue scientific and other studies at Davidson College.

At the Commencement last June Davidson College completed her sixty-first year, and a noble record is hers. In this period there have been eight presidents and forty-four professors and a number of tutors. The total number of

matriculates is 2,265, and the total number of graduates is 780. She has educated nearly 300 ministers of the Gospel, and in other professions she has a good number of sons. Many of her graduates have filled positions of trust and honor in the State and country. Many occupy distinguished positions in school and college work, in universities and theological seminaries. Many have proven themselves brave in battle, prudent in council, and gallant in the defence of truth, as they learned it in their college days. The high grade of scholarship at Davidson has long been recognized.

During the last decade many improvements have been made in the various departments of the institution. This is most noticeable, of course, in the scientific departments. The best apparatus is secured and laboratory facilities supplied so as to keep in the very front of modern progress in these things. Several new laboratories have been fitted up in the departments of Chemistry, Mineralogy, Physics, and Electricity. A gas plant has been secured which supplies the laboratories and lights the halls of the main buildings. Recently new apparatus was bought for the Senior Chemistry Laboratory.

In the Electrical Department are to be seen several Roentgen Ray machines and a large amount of electrical apparatus. All of the Fraternity halls are lighted by electricity. Our Y. M. C. A. building was the first of its kind upon a Southern college campus, and its parlors, reading-rooms, gymnasium, and other appointments are all indicative of the material progress of the College. A Science Hall will soon be added to the eleven brick buildings which now occupy the spacious campus.

On nothing does the College more justly pride itself than the Union Library, formed some years since by the consolidation of the libraries of the Eunomian and Philanthropic Literary Societies with the College library. The total number of volumes is nearly 20,000. These embrace, besides a



fine collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, and like books of reference of every kind, most of the standard works in literature, history, and fiction, a large number of scientific writings, and complete sets of leading magazines and reviews. It is not likely that any college of similar nature can surpass, if, indeed, it can equal Davidson in the excellency of its library.

Three publications are issued from the College: First, *A Historical Quarterly*, studies in history; second, *The Davidson College Magazine*, published monthly by the literary societies; third, the college annual, under the name of *Quips and Cranks*.

A note on athletics is proper here. It may be said that never in the history of the College has the interest in athletics been so marked as at the present. The authorities seldom permit the College teams to leave their own grounds to play, but the inter-class games, both in foot-ball and base-ball, excite intense interest and great enthusiasm. The offer last fall of the Alumni Trophy Cup to the class winning the most games in foot-ball resulted in bringing up the several teams to a high degree of efficiency and skill. Then the work in the gymnasium, under a trained instructor, is thorough and systematic, and rouses the enthusiasm of the student body generally. The bicycle track is in constant use. It is hoped that before another year the repairs on the dam at Lake Wiley will be complete, and that this large sheet of water, with its bath-houses, spring-boards, boats, and toboggan slides will again offer its attractions. Tennis courts are scattered everywhere over the grounds and see active service. The interest culminates on Athletic Day. A generous Alumnus has furnished a very handsome prize cup, to be won by the class making the best record that day.

DYE AND SMITH.

JOHN JAY BERNARD.

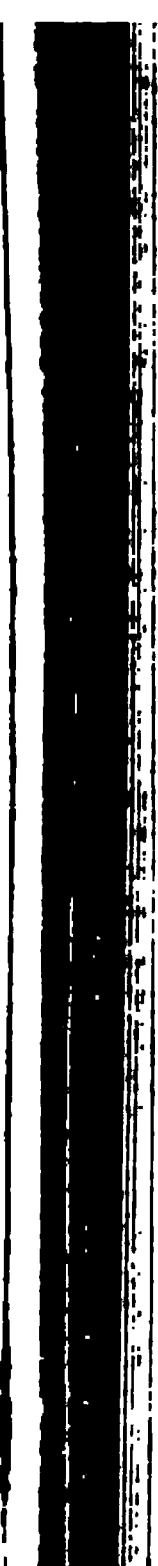
Upon the official list of the officers who fell at Santiago appears the name of Lieutenant John Jay Bernard, of the Fourth Infantry, U. S. A. This sad intelligence will create the most profound sorrow in the hearts of thousands of Kappa Sigmas who knew and loved Bro. Bernard. No more loyal Kappa Sigma ever existed. The heroic manner of his death adds a new glory to the Order he loved so well.

Bro. Bernard came of fighting stock. His father, General Reuben F. Bernard, has one of the finest records of any officer in the United States army, having been breveted from every rank up to that of brigadier-general. He is now on the retired list, but holds the honorable position of President of the Soldiers' Home at Washington, D. C.

Bro. Bernard's early life was spent at the various army posts on our Western frontier. In 1888 he entered the University of Tennessee and remained connected with that institution for seven years. His record in the class-room and on the athletic field were equally creditable. Both upon the diamond and the foot-ball field he helped to carry the colors of the university to victory. In 1893 he received the degree of B. S. The following year he was appointed an instructor in Chemistry. In a short time he would no doubt have been advanced to the position of assistant professor, but he had now tired of academic life. In the summer of 1895 he severed his connections with the University and enlisted in the regular army. For two years he endured the hardships and privations incident to the life of a private. At the end of this period he underwent an examination for promotion. As the result of this examination he was commissioned on May 1st, 1897, a second lieutenant in the Fourth Infantry and stationed at Fort Sheridan. His company was among the first ordered to the front. It was while leading his company



JOHN JAY BERNARD.



up the heights of El Caney that Bro. Bernard fell mortally wounded.

It is no easy matter to sum up the chief traits of so admirable a character as that of Bro. Bernard. He was devoid of all idiosyncrasies. No side of his nature was neglected. Physically he was a magnificent specimen of manhood. His record at college is sufficient evidence of his mental ability. His great popularity among the students attest his social disposition. At the University of Tennessee there has always existed a strong anti-Fraternity spirit. Notwithstanding this, Bernard was as popular among the non-fraternity men as among the Greeks. In the society of ladies he was always a favorite, and for a number of years was President of the University Cotillion Club. Within the circle of his intimate friends he was fairly idolized. There was a simplicity and directness about him that appealed peculiarly to college men. His quiet dignity and manly bearing commanded universal respect.

It was during the first year of his residence at the University of Tennessee he became a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. No nobler spirit was ever sacrificed on the altar of his country's honor and glory.

JOHN RANDOLPH NEAL.

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE CHAPTER-HOUSE

Horace Greeley once said, "Culture is the most comprehensive word in the English dictionary," and Emerson defines it as "The end of ambition at the present day." Accepting these as true interpretations, it is proper for us to consider how far the college, which is perhaps the most lofty institutional vehicle attaining these goals, subserves its end in supplying its needs.

Institutionally the college is a great brain mill. It is

where brain tissue is made and the mind is trained to concentrate, to think, to reason. It gives to the student a conceptive knowledge of his own language by a study and comparison of it with others. It throws him into a book atmosphere which places him on speaking terms with writers and thinkers whose works have withstood the criticism of time. Through mathematical investigation he is brought to realize the relation of things, and to see the unity of the fraction and the integer. Its application to science reveals the unwritten and indestructible law which governs all things. Biology exhibits the genesis of life, and history and its associate texts offer information of the epochs and movements of the great human family.

These are the general characteristics of the "college course." These constitute the approximate culture of the class-room and are the letter of the culture that is first in mind when the advantages of a college education are argued.

This is the essential, the fundamental of culture, but when it is not rounded by social culture, it is apt to be as one-sided, as awkward, and inconsistent with the perfection of culture as though the mannerisms of society had been acquired and the intelligence of arts and science had been disregarded.

It is true that if one must be thus out of proportion to that ideal normal relation, it is better to be proficient in knowledge than mannerisms. But it is hard to conceive of one properly acquired of either one without a fair balance of the other. A man goes to school first and foremost to get his lessons. That is a Puritan simplicity of truth. But that having been done, he should have other relations essential to his more perfect development, and this is the side of college life upon which I choose to speak.

In every nation colleges have institutions peculiar unto themselves. The most distinct and interesting institution developed in the American colleges has been the Greek-letter

Fraternity system. While it has developed into an institution of far greater proportions and usefulness, its essential characteristics still remain social. It has had a rapid growth geographically and its power has constantly spread. It is an institution of sentiment, and has made itself strong in a material sense by the establishment of college homes. As the Fraternity system has found most bitter opposition from the date of its birth in 1776, so has the Chapter-house idea routed its enemy on every hand. Still, with the Fraternity system, the house system has grown until now it is quite the essential of every thriving active Chapter.

Hard intellectual work, unless molded by soft fireside relations is apt, indeed, in great danger of making men idiosyncratic. They harbor in a circle made by their own talent and here they remain, fortifying their individuality with accumulated book lore, and without taking count of the fortifications others make as well.

Growing stronger year by year in his scholastic acquirements the student draws about himself an increasing self-love and self-absorption till his contact with other men is not an exchange of helpfulness. In this way he drifts from culture, for culture kills exaggeration, conceit, and narrowness. Culture has unlimited recognition and breadth.

Perhaps by this time the reader will be asking what relation all this may have to the Chapter-house. It is this: The Chapter-house brings men into helpful contact as nothing else in the four college years can. It unites men at a susceptible age, and leads them to recognize the ability, the strength, the ideas, the privileges, and the aspirations of others, when, without that association, one might far more easily be engulfed in his own small horizon and build in his own narrow conservatism.

It is true that every college man must meet these men in the class-room where their ability is demonstrated. But this cannot begin to substitute the intimacy of being inmates of

a common dwelling-house. The Chapter-house comprises all the advantages of a dormitory; it does far more, it makes a home instead of a dwelling place. It puts a fireside atmosphere where the other is in a measure flavored with hotelism. It offers the student a home with strong sentimental ties, where the dormitory is institutional purely without the affiliated association of Fraternity.

True heart culture is only found at the hearthstone around which are gathered those who are united by a sacred inborn vigor of congenialty, affection, and natural affinity.

The parlor fireside, with its circle of congenial souls, plants a stronger stimulant in the ambitions of men than the cloistered reading of the Odyssey. At the Chapter fireside there is no room for the snail's shell. It is an appeal to generosity, frankness, honesty, respect, and recognition.

It is not an art to be courteous, but it is a gross ignorance to be discourteous; and one may grow to be a scholar with so little knowledge of the meaning of living as to be devoid of all the graces.

But recently it was my pleasure to discuss pro and con the advantage of a Chapter-house with a Yale man who had obtained practically all the degrees that the university was able to confer from its academic and law departments. His argument was that the Chapter-house was inadequate to subserve the highest needs of a college secret society. The tomb idea was paramount in his belief. But, unfortunately, I am afraid, regardless of his scholastic proficiency he had been geographically confined; his territory of travel has been bounded by the Hudson on the west, New York on the east, New York on the south, and Saratoga on the north, and Yale was the only institution with which he had ever come in active contact, and the Chapter-house was scarcely an acquaintance of his.

But let us look at the Chapter-house and the tomb. The Fraternity is, first and foremost, an organization to build

and stimulate friendship. Friendship of an enduring kind is never made without personal contact, and those who have lived with, dined with, roomed with, worked with, and with whom a common fireside has held an equal charm are the ones whose friendship has passed the test of severest treatment. It is not the Chapter-house that assumes the atmosphere of the club-house, but the secret, musty, windowless tomb. It is not consecrated by a home atmosphere which hallows the threshold of the Chapter-house, for the Chapter-house becomes the student's home for academic years.

Dissipation is always a charge made against college students in general by those who are of Puritan virtue. But dissipation is always a relative word, and while we often hear the charge that the Fraternity house is a means of dissipation we must ask if that is to be found in greater extent in the Chapter-house than in the college club-house. Those men who are disposed to dissipate will dissipate regardless of their Fraternity affiliations. The Chapter-house is not an inducement to this exaggeration. In fact, its tendency must, by its very existence, be an influence to curb such inclination. For no one can dispute his active association with the Chapter-house in which he lives and makes his home, while the club-house, or perchance the Chapter tomb or Chapter hall is a place where one may frequent to spend odd times, and no one is strictly accountable for the conduct therein, while on the contrary every inmate of the Chapter-house must feel this responsibility. The members of the Chapters who wish to conduct themselves in a distracting manner cannot do so at the Chapter-house without throwing an equal burden of disgrace and shame upon other members of the Chapter who have in no wise shared with, nor in any way been responsible for the misconduct.

The college Fraternity man, as a rule, I am strongly inclined to believe, has a deep regard and a strong consideration for his Fraternity associates, and will do nothing will-

ingly or willfully that will tend to displease, much less to compromise them. This, with the strong pride all Fraternity men invariably take in their Chapter-house, perhaps does more than anything else to lessen college dissipation.

More than this, the Chapter-house has its attractive parlors, its well appointed drawing rooms and neat little libraries, its billiard room, and many other delights which are attractive in themselves and serve to draw the men together rather than to drive them away. It is a place for congenial men to grow more congenial, to grow appreciative of their privileges, and to prize their opportunities. The Chapter-house, as no other factor can, knits together cords of friendship in a helpful, lasting manner. Friendships are formed by admiration, by a common purpose, by local associations, by convictions, by sympathy, by mutual aspirations, by every relation that can appeal, and yet of all these nothing in the life of the college man does as much to promote and stimulate that friendship as the association about the Chapter-house. It takes the golden threads of friendship and twines them into a cord that will endure. It brings friendship into its highest meaning, and friendship, when it is real, is the strongest thing of life.

There are some reasons why the Chapter-house has become and is fast growing to be the most cherished institution upon the college green. It lives in the heart and memory of every Alumni, and to its ivy-grown walls and warm fireside he turns with a love that can but resemble the love he holds for home itself.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.



"A CHARACTERISTIC THETA NU EPSILON INITIATION.—
Bro. George Smart favors *The Shield* with a newspaper clipping concerning a recent initiation of Theta Nu Epsilon, in which 'horse play' and general foolishness figure as the most conspicuous features. The victims were dressed in ridiculous costumes, and were compelled to parade the city, sweep the streets, and, in fact, do anything that would show the asininity of the participants. The initiations are to be condemned for their lack of dignity, for the height of absurdity which prevails, and for the general demoralization that marks all such demonstrations.

"We print below a part of the clipping :

" Theta Nu Epsilon, of the Ohio State University, wound up one of their recent initiations, which, in the eyes of college men, was a grand and overwhelming success. As far as originality in design, absurdity, and foolishness is concerned, all who saw it, or part of it, will readily agree that it was a success.

" The initiation, which was administered to ten young men, was commenced on a Wednesday noon, and from that time up to an early hour in the morning the candidates were made the victims of all kinds of humiliation and foolishness. The ceremonies were at first of a mild nature, the candidates having nothing worse to do than to run errands for the old members and keep them supplied with good smoking and copious 'Dutch' lunches. Later in the week, or, to be more definite, Saturday, the more interesting features of the initiation developed. Saturday morning some of the candidates were put to work cleaning the mud off of High Street at various

places north of Fifth Avenue, and therein was displayed one of the redeeming features of the Order.

"Passers-by in this part of the city were surprised to see these young men, attired in costumes usually made up of linen dusters, straw hats, and other equally ridiculous garments, at work with brooms and shovels, cleaning the mud off the streets and pavements, and it is needless to say their appearance caused a great deal of laughter. One of the candidates, dressed as a fisherman, carried a fishing pole in his arms, a basket of ice in one hand and a black cat in the other hand. In this array he paraded the college campus Saturday morning. Another man caused an unlimited amount of wonder among pedestrians by vigorously giving the college yell along the street. Another man was turned loose to graze in the University woods, while another was ordered to catch a certain cat, place it in a valise, and take it to the room of another friend. Every one of them had something of this nature to do, and as it was policy for them to do as they were told, they all took their medicine like men.

"Early Saturday evening the ten men, clad in their ridiculous costumes, were placed on board a High Street car and taken into the heart of the town. Every one of them had something to carry—in fact, almost everything in creation from a cat to a ham was to be seen in the crowd. The belated crew left the car at Long Street and proceeded south on High Street, much to the wonder of the usual large number of people on the streets at that time."

The above article comes from the editorial pages of the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, and is a thoroughly fair exposition of the characteristics which surround initiations into Theta Nu Epsilon in nearly every instance. The time has come for the reputable, dignified Fraternities to take vigorous action against this and kindred organizations which caused the public to look with some suspicion upon the very name "College Fraternity."

THE PROPER TYPE OF FRATERNITY MAN.—There can be no more appropriate theme for the summer thoughts of the college Fraternity man than an attempt to determine what standards of action and of judgment shall govern in the rushing season which the first few weeks of the opening school year will witness. As to the methods employed and considerations of time the prevailing circumstances at the various institutions will largely determine. In all probability it will not be possible to escape in some cases those features

of haste and importunity which often seriously interfere with the wisest action. Where such conditions obtain, a previous careful study of the ear-marks of eligible men will be found to be invaluable. And as it is quite likely that the higher class men in the Chapter are better able to form accurate judgment of a Freshman's eligibility it is usually wise to allow their opinions precedence. But when it is possible, all the time necessary for deliberate action should be taken. It often happens that first impressions are not trustworthy, and occasionally a rival Fraternity earns our everlasting gratitude by taking a man whom we have too hastily decided to "bid." In any event there should be a candid discussion of each man proposed, and every member of the Chapter should take part. Too much emphasis should not be given to the obviously strong points in favor of the candidate, and a few minor objections, which appeal to the prejudices of some one or two members of the Chapter, should not be magnified into a prohibitive objection. The first essential to success in the fall campaign is that the members of the Chapter possess approximately the same ideal of a qualified initiate. This they are supposed to have gained by the discussion of candidates on previous occasions, and by that instinctive appreciation of gentlemanly qualities which characterizes every Fraternity man. This much is certain, that if each member of the Chapter has a worthy ideal, and keeps it ever in mind, creditable work will be done in spite of the necessary haste. Set aside such considerations as intellectual talent, social adaptability, athletic prowess, ambition, financial prospects, etc., until you have decided this one thing: What is his character? Or in other words: Has he the instincts of a gentleman? Will he be congenial? Then take up the others in order.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.



The June number of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* contains a timely editorial on the stamp of Freshmen to be sought after. It says: "The one thing we sometimes ask last and should always ask first about a new man is whether he is 'straight.' 'Good' is an adjective somewhat in disrepute among latter-day collegians, more's the pity, but 'straight' tells the same story and is even yet held in high esteem. When drunkenness or dishonesty, foul vice or shocking crime make a Chapter blush for an Alumnus or an upper-class man gone wrong, it is a just punishment of the Chapter that took the Freshman who was handsome or muscular or popular or wealthy, and never stopped to see whether he was at the same time morally weak or rotten. Get men who are good in every sense of the word. If a Freshman blushes or looks uncomfortable when some Senior so far forgets his manliness as to utter words or tell a story he would be ashamed of before his sisters and mother, keep an eye on that Freshman and respect him high above your Senior. There is no reason why Fraternity Chapters should enter into active competition with the Sunday-school—nobody thinks seriously of that or apprehends it. But there are a good many reasons why it should be possible to distinguish a crowd of Fraternity men from an equal number of saloon loafers. Don't be in too much of a hurry to make the new men 'tough.' You may be sorry for

it some day." These words must appeal to the sound judgment of every Fraternity member. No young man ever had too much moral tone, many have been sadly deficient. When Fraternity members tolerate and even encourage and aid in acts which are of such a nature that publicity means inevitable shame, then the moral stature of the Fraternity will indeed become stunted.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi for June has among its comments the following article, entitled "Do Not Excuse Any One:"

" 'Sometimes when you are thinking of editorial material, write up the athletic brother who thinks he confers a favor on the charge by joining and is excused from all active work, even attendance on meetings, because of the great work he does in representing the Fraternity on an athletic team. The result is that he becomes an unassimilated element in the charge.'

"The above is an extract from a brother who believes in doing everything he attempts with energy and a view to success. Here is our opinion. If any charge initiates a man because he is an athlete, and for the credit his athletic success will reflect upon them, the man is not to be blamed, but the charge has stultified itself. It makes no difference whether a man is sought because of money, athletics, or any other apparent advantage, the principle is the same. The charge has lost sight of the underlying principle of true Fraternity and will degenerate. On the other hand, when a man becomes a member of the charge, he takes upon himself a share in all the work of the charge and should not be excused from performing it. In no other way will he become a true brother at heart. The admission of a member on any ground but sterling personal worth—and a subsequent excusing from charge duties—is educating the member in such a way

that when out of college he becomes a negative representative. He has no interest in the Fraternity or its welfare, forgets all about it, and when approached has forgotten the grip and lacks any spirit of loyalty, simply because he never learned it when in college. He is as bad as any honorary member and worse than a neutral, who is the outspoken enemy of the Fraternity idea. To leave out of the question the subsequent career of such a man, he is a positive damage to the charge while in college. He strives to achieve success, not for any credit to the charge or college, but from selfish motives. Such a member, if he fails to do his duty by the charge, should be tacitly expelled by mutual consent and his name stricken from the rolls. Do not have any drones in the hive. Every member has a work to do. If all are active workers for the common good, everything will be harmonious. If there is one drone, there will sooner or later be trouble in camp."

Editor Holmes has himself always been a tireless Fraternity worker, and he evidently thinks little of the man who refuses to do what he can for the advancement of his brothers as individuals, and more especially of his Chapter as an organization. He is certainly right. The Fraternity relation is a reciprocal one, and every member assumes obligations which should be faithfully observed. Moreover, that observance should be a real pleasure, one that should inspire in the heart and mind of the brother a full realization of what a genuine brotherhood is and how strong and useful it can be made.



EDITORIALS.

THE present number of THE CADUCEUS, which should have appeared on September 20th, was purposely delayed by the advice of the Supreme Executive Committee for one month in the hope that it might consequently be a number with more complete reports of the work of the new year than formerly appeared at this time. The Editor is sorry to state that there does not seem to have been any additional interest awakened by the circular letter announcing the new policy, and, as a consequence, the September issue is published over a month late without any compensating advantage having been gained. During his incumbency the Editor has found much to encourage him in his labors, but in recent months the interest in the Fraternity magazine has lagged somewhat, and it has become a matter of extreme difficulty to secure any contributed articles whatever. This is not as it should be, and every member of the Fraternity should feel a personal pride in helping to make up for the shortcomings of the recent past, by giving an increased aid to the Editor in his future work. THE CADUCEUS has a good circulation, and is of uncalculable benefit to Kappa Sigma. To let it run down would be a serious matter and attended by loss of prestige to our Fraternity, while if it be kept at a high standard it is bound in the future, as in the past, to be a very material factor in the Fraternity's progress. This is not written in a spirit

of carping or fault-finding, but because it is believed that the true situation should be understood. It is not that THE CADUCEUS is in a bad condition, but simply that more interest toward it should be evidenced by the Fraternity.

THOSE Chapters whose letters appear in this issue, with one accord report a condition of activity that bespeaks a prosperous year. If there has been an apparent lack of interest in the Fraternity magazine, yet it seems that the vigor and force of the undergraduate members is properly exhibited at their various colleges and universities. Several Chapters which were almost dormant last year have with the opening of a new college term shown an unexpected activity, and Chapters which we were feeling complacent toward because of a knowledge that they would hold their own, have agreeably surprised us by entering larger houses and otherwise proving that the spirit of progress has arisen within their midst. Under these circumstances the coming Conclave will see Kappa Sigma in the full growth of manhood. Those who began attending Conclaves ten years ago, and who were doubtful about the success of the extension policy of the Fraternity, have long ago been forced to admit that their fears were groundless, but it remains for this Conclave of '98 to show to them a Fraternity from which the last vestige of sectionalism has been eliminated, and which is in every sense broadly national.

WITH the advent of a new college year the Editor is called upon to admonish the Chapters carefully to regard and perform duties in the relations with the Supreme Executive Committee. The administration of the affairs of a Fraternity of fifty Chapters entails much labor on its governing body, and it can only be by systematic business methods that those

affairs can in fact be kept in proper condition. To accomplish this the general officers must have the hearty co-operation of the officers of every Chapter, so that no emergency can arise that the Fraternity will be totally unprepared for. Especially is this true with regard to the offices of the Worthy Grand Scribe and Worthy Grand Treasurer. The Chapter Scribes and Treasurers must be prompt in sending in their reports and equally prompt in answering all communications of every kind. The records in the office of the W. G. S. can be kept in proper shape only by the aid of the Chapter officers, and the W. G. T. must have prompt remittances of all money due the general treasury if the Fraternity is to be kept on a sound financial basis. In short, business management of a careful kind is essential to every Chapter—just as essential as enthusiasm, for without that sort of management no amount of enthusiasm can keep a Chapter properly on its feet. Those brothers who have served in the Chapter offices will perhaps appreciate the words of this editorial, and for the new Chapter officers we say that the importance of its admonitions cannot be overdrawn.

FROM time to time it seems that “lifting” or some kindred evil will crop out in the Fraternity world. The instance we shall refer to is perhaps not as grave an offense as the deliberate taking of a man from one Fraternity and initiating him into another, but it is far below a high standard of Fraternity morals. A. J. Carter, of the Wabash Chapter of Kappa Sigma, resigned from the Fraternity and was initiated into Beta Theta Pi on the same night. The cause which led to his resignation was his failure to meet his financial obligations to Alpha-Phi Chapter, and to individual members of the Chapter. His continuous shortcomings in this respect became burdensome to the Chapter, and several members thereof, so that finally, after compelling him to square

his accounts, he was permitted to resign. While Kappa Sigma has willingly let go an unworthy member, it turns out that that member was solicited to join Beta Theta Pi while still connected with Kappa Sigma. We don't know what the constitution or organic law of Beta Theta Pi has to say upon the subject of taking in men who have belonged to other Fraternities, but we cannot believe that any Fraternity will justify the action of any Chapter in taking in a man under the circumstances surrounding Carter's case. The information which comes to us is that the Wabash College Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has on more than one occasion incited members of other Fraternities to join it, and it is time the matter is given publicity. We hope and believe that Beta Theta Pi will promptly disavow the action of the Chapter and thus preserve the honor of the Fraternity.

IN this issue we have reprinted the article, "The Social Side of the Chapter-house," written for the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* by Richard Lloyd Jones, of that Fraternity. The article is an extremely attractive and inspiring one to the Fraternity man, and it was deemed unwise to simply review it and make it the victim of the scissors.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

ETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.

It is with a good deal of pleasure that we are able to say that Eta has come forth from the lethargy of the past and has again in reality become an active and prosperous Chapter of Kappa Sigma. The three brothers of 1897-98, and especially our ever-zealous W. G. S., our most enthusiastic Alumnus, were very vigilant for the interests of the Chapter during vacation, and the result was that we were the first Chapter in school to have an initiation, and truly may we say that a more worthy set of brothers never wore the Star and Crescent than those who have been taken into Eta this year.

Bro. Martin, much to the delight of us all, arrived in our midst on the morning of September 17th, and, indeed, that day was taken up with Kappa Sigma talk and rushing, we being impelled and nerved on by the persuasive arguments that our W. G. S. has at his command in unending supply. That night truly there was an enjoyable time. Bros. H. D. Kerr and R. W. Buchanan were with us, and it was pleasant to see that their Kappa Sigma blood was running high, and that they were ready to take part in the good work. The officers, *pro tempore*, were as follows:

Bro. H. M. Martin, G. M.; Bro. J. D. Hughlett, G. M. C.; Bro. H. D. Kerr, G. S.; Bro. J. M. Lake, G. T.; Bro. N. T. Hepburn, G. P.; R. W. Buchanan, Guard. The meeting was opened in due form, after which the following men were initiated into the Fraternity in the order given: A. B. Fitz-Gerald, Danville, Va., brother of H. R. Fitz-Gerald (Mu)

and brother-in-law of Herbert M. Martin; A. A. Cralle, Kilmarnock, Va.; J. W. Ferguson, Flint Hill, Va.; G. W. Sanders, White Stone, Va.

We are glad to say that everything went on pleasantly and in strict accordance with Bologna's classical form.

After the initiation we repaired to the banquet hall, where, in the midst of hearty Kappa Sigma mirth, we did justice to an abundant spread. Then the campus was waked with the cheering "Rah, rah, rah!" and after this we all sought our couches for slumber, only to be broken by waking dreams of * * * * * and his band.

On the night of October 1st we again had an enthusiastic meeting, when we received into the bonds Bro. W. B. McNeal, of Garysburg, N. C.

At this initiation the officers were *pro tem.*, but before leaving our hall, we organized the Chapter as follows:

Bro. J. D. Hughlett, G. M.; Bro. N. T. Hepburn, G. M. C.; Bro. A. A. Cralle, G. S.; Bro. A. B. Fitz-Gerald, G. T.; Bro. J. M. Lake, G. P.; Bros. G. W. Sanders, Jr., and J. W. Ferguson, Guards, and J. D. Hughlett, Chapter Correspondent.

Some years ago Eta lost nearly all of her property by fire, so that this year we shall have to make a fresh start. We have secured a good hall, however, and before the college closes for this session we expect to have a neatly furnished hall.

We wish to extend our congratulations to the various Chapters that have made a good start this year. Most assuredly this is a good thing, and let the good work go on.

With the kindest of regards and the best of wishes to all Kappas, I am,

Fraternally yours,

J. D. HUGHLETT.

OCTOBER 2d, 1898.

THETA.

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY, LEBANON, TENN.

The opening of the new college year found Bros. P. F. Darley, C. U. Dyer, N. D. Johnson, and C. E. Waterhouse back at Lebanon to begin work for Theta Chapter. The other Fraternities had begun an active campaign before any of our old men returned, but by pursuing a careful and conservative course we were soon on even terms with all of them.

The first necessity which confronted us was to secure new Chapter rooms, our old ones having been destroyed by fire during the summer. We were fortunate in this respect, and have quarters which, by the aid of our local Alumni, are nicely furnished.

On Thursday evening, September 8th, two candidates were duly initiated. These were J. L. Atkins, of Newburn, Tenn., and N. A. Hopkins, of Newburgh, Ind. These two brothers are in every way suited to Kappa Sigma, but the Chapter has continued its increase of good men by holding another meeting on the 10th, at which C. E. Kirkpatrick, of Tunnel Hill, Ga.; N. V. Bringle, of Covington, Tenn., and W. D. Wyatt, of Freedom, Ky., were taken into the bonds of Kappa Sigma. These initiations make our Chapter number nine members, and from this time on we expect to labor earnestly for the internal development of the Chapter, although it is probable that another good candidate will appear in a short while. Theta expects to have one or more representatives on the 'Varsity foot-ball team this year.

Wishing success to all Chapters, I am,

Fraternally,

C. E. WATERHOUSE.

OCTOBER 1st, 1898.

KAPPA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

While Kappa was a little disappointed that several of her most worthy members did not return, yet she is thankful for having had present at the first roll-call enough old men to make the meeting a very pleasant one, and we feel that by a little extra endeavor on our part we may soon conscript enough men to hold up our present standard for membership for the coming year.

We are especially glad to welcome among us Bro. Johnston, from Emory and Henry; Bro. Collins, from Centenary, and Bros. Moorman and Hearne, from Cumberland University. All these have made good men in their home Chapters, and we feel sure they will not prove anything but helpful to us.

Bro. O'Connor, the star quarter-back of '95-'96, is again with us, and is at his old position of quarter-back on the team.

We are all very glad to know the S. E. C. has decided definitely to have the Conclave at Chattanooga. We feel sure we will have a large representation from the whole Southland as well as from our Eastern and Western Chapters, since this is such a centrally located point. Also we are pleased with the time of the Conclave, for now many can be present without discommoding themselves in the least as far as studies are concerned. We thank our Executive Committee very much.

Kappa would like to introduce to the Kappa Sigma world our recent initiate, Bro. David Gray, of Chattanooga.

Hoping we will have others to bring before you at our next writing, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. H. FULLILOVE, JR.

OCTOBER 16th, 1898.

NU.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

The 205th year has opened with pleasing prospects as regards the students enlisted. The venerable walls of the old institution already resound to the stentorian tones of the professors, and amid these classic shades are seen many ambitious youths who have sought these halls eager to gather the inspiration afforded by such historic scenes.

True to the time-honored custom of Kappa Sigma at William and Mary, the number who have returned have already from the first begun and continued their duty of careful rushing. It will probably be well to mention the names of those in whom Kappa Sigma replaces this trust this year: Bros. Palmer, P. C., G. M.; Wheat, R. W., G. M. C.; White, L. W., G. P.; Coles, J. M., G. S.; Downing, G. J.; Lewis, J. M., and Hornbaker, J. N. We are glad also to state that Bro. Joseph E. Proffitt, an Alumnus, has been with us, and we owe our success in a great measure to his efforts. We were disappointed greatly in not returning, as we hoped, Bro. Thomas W. Brown, who is now attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Though laboring under many disadvantages just now we have succeeded in conducting through the * * * * * two brothers, T. Blackwell Smith, of Fauquier County, and Preston Gibson, also from Fauquier, both of whom we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity as coming of good report and worthy to wear the badge of the Order.

Much to our regret Bro. Grayson, of last year, has not yet returned, though we hope to have him back soon, which will make, with the newly elected, ten wearers of the Star and Crescent, together with three Alumni in town, a grand total of thirteen.

The absentees who helped compose the Chapter of last year have "all betaken them several ways," for your humble

scribe has heard not one word from any of them, yet circulating reports and Dame Rumor have exposed their whereabouts to a few of us. Bro. Jacob Morton White is at the Theological Seminary, Alexandria; Bro. Philip B. Jones is teaching in Hampton; Bro. J. Lucian Stubbs is also teaching on the Eastern Shore; Bro. A. M. Bright has a profitable position in Philadelphia; Bro. John Bertrand Parrish is teaching near Williamsburg; Bro. John L. Tucker is employed in Danville; Bro. Hugh Mercer likewise in Williamsburg.

Now that vacation has been spent and we are once more gathered to our several colleges or universities, as the case may be, Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma extends a hearty welcome to all the devotees at the shrine of Kappa Sigma, hoping, trusting, and believing that the honor and reputation of the glorious Star and Crescent will remain unsullied, unchanged, and uncompromised through not only this, another collegiate year, but as long as there shall be those who are loyal to their trust and faithful in their duty.

With a hearty handshake to all the Chapters and best wishes for their unqualified success, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. MUMFORD COLES.

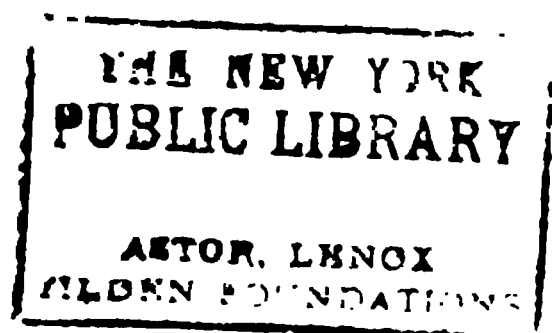
OCTOBER 12th, 1898.

XI.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

Well, we are hard at work on our studies again, and the memories of vacation have receded to the background of our minds. We hailed the sight of class-room and laboratory with an enthusiasm that was restrained and chastened by experience, but it was with unbounded rapture that we came together again in the Chapter hall as a band of brothers reunited.





During the past weeks Xi has been unusually active, for the newly enrolled boys have offered to us a great field for work. But in the midst of her activity Xi has used that discrimination which has been one of the secrets of her success, and we are sure that the men we have recently initiated are all worthy to wear the Crescent and the Star. We wish to introduce to the Fraternity the following new Kappa Sigmas: Bro. Jas. L. Dunn, 1902, Fayetteville; Bro. A. J. Martin, 1902, Batesville; Bro. D. J. Daniel, 1902, Lonoke; Bro. Geo. M. Trimble, 1902, Lonoke; Bro. C. H. Triplet, 1902, Pine Bluff; Bro. R. B. Warriner, 1902, Corinth, Miss. Bros. Dunn and Martin were pledged last term. Besides these men we have recently pledged Mr. H. Hogg, 1902, of Pine Bluff, and Mr. D. L. Gray, 1902, of Little Rock.

As to honors, it appears even this early in the term that Xi is going to follow her usual selfish policy and carry off the lion's share. Bro. W. A. Ross, in the absence of a regular officer, is at present acting commandant of the University. Bro. Hine has been elected to a position on the board of the *Ozark*, our magazine, and Bro. W. D. Gray has been appointed editor-in-chief of the same. The military promotions have not been made yet, but it is almost understood that the highest office, that of major, will be given to a Kappa Sigma; and the other brothers will certainly come in for their share of the promotions.

Bro. E. K. Braly, who has been absent from his regiment on furlough, paid us a visit last Saturday night. He is as enthusiastic a Kappa Sigma as ever. We parted from him with much regret.

Your scribe hopes that before the next issue of THE CADUCEUS he will have something interesting to tell concerning promotions and class elections. Till then he is,

Yours in the bonds,

WILLIAM D. GRAY.

OCTOBER 10th, 1898.

TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

On the twenty-first day of September the University of Texas threw open her doors, and from that time on there has been an inpouring of students from all parts of the State. Up to this time we have about 500 matriculates, and others are still coming in. The old halls, which for so many weeks have been silent, have, as it were, again come to life, and the noisy tread of footsteps can be heard from morning until night.

As we stroll around through the halls many old friends greet us with a happy smile, and among the crowds, scattered here and there, we see many familiar faces, which make a feeling of gladness come over us, but still, as it is at the first of every school year, we naturally feel a yearning for the brothers who have not returned. This yearning and longing, on the part of our Kappa Sigma brothers, was very much in evidence at first, on account of having lost twelve of our last year's men: Bros. D. Parker, R. D. Parker, Dechard, Moore, Whatley, Daffin, Masterson, and Jordan, who graduated, and Bros. Daly, Watson, Ryan, and Abercrombie, who were undergraduates.

This left us with only six old men to start with, Bros. Fisher, Leavell, Hildebrand, Bass, and Hogsett, but as is universally known, Kappa Sigma's sons are natural-born rustlers, and as the fruits of some good hustling on the night of October 1st six stalwart young gentlemen marched through Kappa Sigma's ranks in great style. As the result of this initiation I wish to introduce to the Kappa Sigma world the following new brothers: Masterson, Rice, G. Miller, R. Miller, and Gresham, all of Galveston, and Neal Thompson, of Austin. All of these initiates have proven themselves to be good riders, and all unite in saying that Sir William pitches high, hard, and fast.

The prospects for our foot-ball team for this year are very flattering. We have engaged Mr. Edwards, of Princeton, as coach for '98. In a few days he will take charge of the team, and from that time on hard work will be done. A nice schedule of games has been arranged for this year, and Kappa Sigma expects to have three regular men on the team to help win them.

Wishing great success to Kappa Sigma, and to all Kappa Sigmas, I close with a cordial "how do you do" for all and a sincere hope that all Chapters of Kappa Sigma will do well and prosper this school year. I am, and hope ever to be,

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

OCTOBER 2d, 1898.

SAM J. HOGSETT.

UPSILON.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

Faithfully and well has Bro H. W. Cole, Jr., chronicled the events of Upsilon throughout the past year, and as this honor now falls upon me, with some degree of hesitancy do I take up the pen which he has laid aside. I shall endeavor, however, to sustain Upsilon's past record by causing her voice to be heard in each number of THE CADUCEUS.

With a feeling of deep regret do we report the loss this session of three of our active members, Bros. Duval, Morriss, and Blake. Bro. Duvall is in the drug business in Farmville, Va.; Bro. Morriss is a student of the Virginia Medical College, at Richmond, and Bro. Blake is taking the course of English and History at the University of Virginia, and is, no doubt, fully alive and active to Zeta's interests. The removal of the Union Theological Seminary to Richmond during the past summer deprives us this session of the fellowship and valuable advice of three Alumni brothers also; namely, Bros. Bull, McGeachy, and Stoneham. Though we realize how sorely

we shall miss the familiar faces and valuable assistance of these six brothers, yet are we cheerful and greatly encouraged by the return of eight active members, namely, Bros. H. W. Cole, Jr., E. C. Caldwell, Kinnier, Osbourne, L. D. Cole, A. S. Caldwell, Richardson, and Booker.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce at this time to the Fraternity at large Bro. William Mauzy Kemper, of Warrenton, Va., who now wears with pride a Star and Crescent. Being guided in our choice of new men solely by the results of very careful consideration, we are at present unable to report any other new brothers.

And now, with nine active and energetic members, all of whom have the interest of Upsilon at heart, we enter upon the work of another session hopeful of the future, which promises to bestow upon us our share of honors both in athletic and literary attainments.

Wishing all sister Chapters much success, and extending Upsilon's congratulations to all new brothers, I am,

Fraternally yours,

SEPTEMBER 30th, 1898.

E. H. RICHARDSON.

PHI.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY,
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The summer has rapidly passed away, and we are once more back to join our friends and brothers. The attendance this year is better than it has been for several years, and Fraternity material is more abundant. We have only one new name to report in this letter, however, but in the next we hope to have several new brothers to present. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity Bro. James Bryson McKeage, 1902, of Clarksville, Tenn. Bro. McKeage is a very popular student and comes of good report and well recommended.

We recently had a very pleasant visit from Bros. E. T. Hollins, of Nashville, Tenn., and T. M. Daniel, of Paducah, Ky. Although both are Alumni of several years standing, they are still ardent and loyal Kappas.

The handsome and well equipped new gymnasium of the University was completed this summer, and we look for better results in athletics this year. Mr. Mooney has been secured as gymnasium instructor and athletic trainer. The material for foot-ball is good and our prospects in that line are flattering. We hope to arrange a good schedule of games.

Phi sends kindest greetings and best wishes to our new Chapter at the University of Wisconsin, Beta-Epsilon.

Fraternally,

SEPTEMBER 24th, 1898.

GEORGE R. REA.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, ME.

College has again opened, and those strange people, the Freshmen, are present in large numbers. Of these we have pledged several who will make desirable Fraternity members, and are going to let them explore the unknown mysteries in a short time.

We are glad to have Bros. C. W. Bartlette and F. A. Smith rejoin us this year. We also welcome our boys who left us to go to war. They are at present in college and expect to be mustered out in a short time.

The term is just beginning, and naturally there is much confusion, but the prospects are that Psi will have one of the most successful years in her career.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

W. H. RASTALL.

OCTOBER 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, MD.

The brothers of Alpha-Alpha have returned to the University full of enthusiasm for the winter's work. The best element of the school is knocking at our gates for admittance, and we will secure the most worthy for our Chapter. While we are comfortably quartered at present, yet our plans for a house are maturing, and in a few weeks we may reasonably expect to be installed in a well-appointed home. Grand Master J. Harry Willms, who has been managing the foot-ball interests of the Maryland Athletic Club, has successfully engineered a great game with the Princeton Tigers, and Baltimore is singing his praise. Grand Procurator Frank F. Luthardt distinguished himself in the foot-ball games with the Duquesne Athletic Club and the Princeton 'Varsity. Among our members may be found the best students, best athletes, and best fellows in the University. We have reached that stage when to be asked to join our brotherhood is considered by our fellow-students one of the greatest honors that university life affords. The Conclave is already a topic of discussion among the brothers, and we may be relied upon to have representatives at the gathering.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

WILLIAM MILNES MALOY.

OCTOBER 5th, 1898.

ALPHA-DELTA.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Another year has added itself to Alpha-Delta's history, a year unprecedented for success. We have not done any of the most brilliant things during the past year, but we have done the essential thing, which is, a little more than the previous year.

We deeply regret the loss of Bros. Huber, Lewis, and Clapper, who graduated, and Bros. Boyd and Snowden, who did not return to college.

Foot-ball prospects are much better than last year. We are represented on the team by Bros. Heckel and Shoffstall. The latter was severely injured in the game with the University of Pennsylvania, and is now in the University Hospital.

We are glad to have Bro. Black with us, who last year attended Cornell.

The Freshman class is not so rich in Fraternity material as might be desired, but we have some excellent men pledged, and already take pleasure in introducing Bros. James K. Davis, 1902, of Selins Grove, Pa., and Robert C. Davis, of Johnstown, Pa., who are both well worthy of wearing the badge of Kappa Sigma.

We were all greatly grieved on returning this fall to learn that some miscreant had poisoned our Chapter pet, "Noddle," a bright and pretty cocker spaniel, which was a great favorite among all that knew him.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT M. SALLADA.

OCTOBER 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Our term began here on the twenty-first of September in the College and on October 1st in the Medical Department.

We held our first meeting on the third of October and found that we had twenty men in the Chapter, including Bro. R. B. Griffith, of Alpha-Zeta, who has entered 1902 Medical, and Bro. T. W. Brown, of Nu, who has entered 1902 Medical. Of the old men, whom we lost by graduation, Bro. C. H. Close is in the city, where he has established his law office.

Bro. A. W. Sanson is practicing law in the city; Bro. Riegel is taking a P. G. in law at Harvard; Bro. Weisser is resident physician in the South Side Hospital, Pittsburg; Bro. Weeks is coaching the Amherst team, and Bro. Birney expects to enter business in New York.

We had three or four brothers from State College to see us when they played us on the first. Bro. Shoffstall, of State, is now in the University Hospital, having broken his collar bone during the game.

We had a visit from Bro. Davis, of Bucknell, who is now at Chester, Pa., some time since. We find Bro. Davis a very worthy and enthusiastic Kappa Sigma.

Our G. M. and G. S. having graduated, Bros. F. C. Roth and C. D. Scully were elected to fill the vacancies.

Our Chapter is now considering the matter of going into another house. Our present house is inadequate to our present needs. If it can be arranged we will effect the change about the first of the month.

Foot-ball prospects are very bright at the University this year, but the personnel has not yet been definitely decided upon.

Bros. C. W. Close and H. T. Price were absent last week attending the Knights Templar Conclave at Pittsburg, and bring back word of a very enthusiastic Alumni Chapter there.

We are looking forward to a successful year, and wish the same for every other Chapter of the Fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

OCTOBER 16th, 1898.

CORNELIUS D. SCULLY.

ALPHA-THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENN.

Upon the opening of school this year Alpha-Theta found six loyal, enthusiastic members ready for a hard year's work. Among the number is Bro. F. L. Dennison, who was one of

the charter members of the Chapter, he having returned this year to finish his course.

By the last Commencement Alpha-Theta lost one of her most loyal members, Bro. C. S. Young, who this year has cast his lot with the University of Chicago for a special course in English.

Since our opening we have ushered into the mystic bonds Bros. Leonard B. Weeks, of Water Valley, Ky.; J. Tucker Bowen, of Memphis, Tenn., and Emmet C. Nance, of Jackson, whom I take great pleasure in introducing to the Kappa Sigma world, they being in every way qualified to wear the badge.

The prospect for a full school is good, and in the right time we will come in for our part of the spoils.

With best wishes for the prosperity of each Chapter, I am,

Fraternally,

B. LETCHER ANDERSON.

OCTOBER 12th, 1898.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

Alpha-Kappa, lodged in a new house, augmented by valuable initiates, looking back upon a successful year and forward to a more prosperous one, sends greetings to her sister Chapters.

Our removal from our old Chapter-house was the result of the growth of the Chapter, which necessitated larger and better accommodations. We are now pleasantly located in a new house on the edge of one of the great gorges which pass through the campus, and much nearer the university than we formerly were. The house has ample room for fifteen fellows, and at present is filled to its full capacity; but it

is always a pleasure to provide accommodations for any of our brothers or friends who may chance to be in Ithaca. It (the house) has been to a large degree newly furnished, and is admirably arranged for Fraternity purposes. The parlors, for instance, are adjacent and can be thrown together for dancing or receptions. We have also the use of a large adjoining field, where our base-ball and foot-ball enthusiasts have plenty of opportunity for expending their energy.

Of our five members who graduated last June, Bros. Neilson, Jeffers, Hildreth, Glenn, and Morgan, the first three received the highest honor given in the scientific courses—membership in the Sigma Xi. With the exception of Hildreth, who has entered the Cornell Medical School at New York, all have entered active life: Neilson as assistant engineer on the United States repair ship "Vulcan;" Jeffers as superintendent of a large dairy farm at Plainsboro, N. J., while Glenn and Morgan have attached themselves to manufacturing establishments at Berwick, Pa., and Johnstown, Pa., respectively.

We returned this fall twelve in number, and have initiated seven. These we beg to present to the Fraternity: David F. Hoy, M. S., Registrar, Ithaca, N. Y.; Roscoe B. Morton, '99, Chicago, Ill.; Arthur H. Sherwood, 1901, Kingston, N. Y.; Arthur O. Berry, 1901, Holyoke, Mass.; Herbert Coward, 1901, West Pittston, Pa.; Walter O. Beyer, 1902, Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles W. Werborne, 1902, Buffalo, N. Y.

Wishing as prosperous a year to all the Chapters as we anticipate for ourselves, I am,

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. GLENN.

OCTOBER 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VT.

Commencement and the long summer vacation have come and gone, and a letter is due THE CADUCEUS.

Five members of Alpha-Lambda were graduated: Bros. Fred. H. Larabee, Clarence E. Noyes, Merton C. Robbins (*cum laude*), Warner J. Morse, and Duncan Stuart (*cum laude*). Bro. Morse received honorable mention for thesis of conspicuous merit. Bro. Robbins was, at the time, a lieutenant in the First Vermont at Chickamauga, but received his degree with the rest of the class. Bro. Stuart was elected a member of the local Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Bro. Grout was awarded a prize in the Kingsley Prize Speaking contest, in which Bros. Tracy and Tobey also took part.

Immediately after Commencement a number of brothers boarded our two little sailing yachts and sailed away down beautiful Lake Champlain. We established a camp at Highgate Springs, near the foot of the lake, which was maintained by different fellows for several weeks. We can strongly recommend to Kappa Sigmas everywhere some such expedition as this to keep the brothers together and promote true fraternal feeling.

Besides Bro. Robbins Alpha-Lambda was represented by two other men in the Volunteer army: Bro. Giddings, '96, Sergeant in Co. M, and Bro. Seager, '97, Sergeant in Co. C, First Vermont Infantry. They all tell of how well they were entertained by Kappa Sigmas everywhere, and how proud they are of the showing Kappa Sigma made at Chickamauga.

Alpha-Lambda heartily approves of the place and time for the next Conclave, and will send at least one man if not more to Chattanooga next December.

Sixteen brothers have come back to the University this fall. The Class of 1902 is a large one, and we are pledging

some good men. In our next letter we expect to introduce some staunch brothers to the Kappa Sigma world.

At our last meeting the following officers were elected: Bro. Finney, G. M.; Bro. Tracy, G. P.; Bro. Buttles, G. M. C.; Bro. Smalley, Guard; Bro. Seager, G. S.; Bro. Grout, G. T., and your correspondent, C. C.

Wishing all Kappa Sigmas a prosperous college year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

OCTOBER 17th, 1898.

ALLAN W. KINGSLAND.

ALPHA-NU.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Another vacation is almost over and soon all our brothers will be wending their way back to their accustomed places, and we trust that after the long rest of a summer's vacation they will go back to their several Chapters more fully determined to push forward the interests of Kappa Sigma.

As for Alpha-Nu, we intend to make the coming year even more successful than the last. We expect to return twelve old men, all loyal Kappa Sigmas, and feel sure that Alpha-Nu will not suffer in their hands.

One most worthy young man is pledged, and with a very large Freshman class in view, material for good, hard work will not be wanting. Yet we do not believe so much in numbers, but take quality as our guide.

When we return we will be nicely housed in a neat little cottage, built especially for Fraternity use. There is a large roomy hall above, and we will therefore not be so cramped as we were in our last Chapter-house.

With best wishes for the success of Kappa Sigma everywhere, and with fraternal greetings to Beta-Epsilon, I am,

Fraternally yours,

SEPTEMBER 6th, 1898.

LEM E. WIGGINS.

ALPHI-XI.

BETHEL COLLEGE, RUSSELLVILLE, KY.

We are pleased to announce that this Chapter has opened with very bright prospects for another year, and we are felicitating ourselves upon the seemingly favorable outlook for the Chapter in future years. Since the beginning of the fall term we have initiated three new men, as follows: Thomas Pritchett de Graffenried, 1900, Russellville, Ky.; Thomas Finley Munday, 1901, Glasgow, Ky., and Frank James Nunn, 1902, Brownsville, Tenn. The President of the College has very kindly favored us with a room splendidly adapted to the purposes of an auxiliary Chapter hall. As soon as it shall have been furnished to our satisfaction, it will be devoted to the purposes of a reception room and for use on special occasions. We think we are fortunate in possessing a hall for Chapter use alone, and another in which to conduct our social functions.

Hoping that all good things may come the way of Kappa Sigma's Chapters and members, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

TOM DE GRAFFENRIED.

OCTOBER 18th, 1898.

ALPHA-PI.

WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

The outlook for Alpha-Pi is much better than it was at the close of college in June. Four of our old men returned, full of energy for the coming year. We lost two men by graduation, Bros. H. H. McClure and Stevenson. In losing Bro. McClure we lost our last charter member. He is now on the staff of *McClure's Magazine*.

Accompanied by the best wishes of all the brothers for his success in future life, Bro. Stevenson will probably enter a medical college this fall.

Only Bro. Dunlap returned of all the men Alpha-Pi sent to the army.

Bro. McBroom, one of our old members, who joined the army in May, as soon as he is mustered out will leave for Cuba, where he will enter into business.

We have initiated this fall Carl F. Gruber, Oakland, Ill., and W. R. Carlson, Crawfordsville, Ind., and hope to be able to initiate at least two more men within a week.

Alpha-Pi is holding her place among the other Fraternities of Wabash, being represented on the track team by Bros. Gruber and Pope, on the foot-ball team by Bros. Gruber and Carter, and in the Glee Club by Bro. McClure.

With best wishes for the success of all the Chapters, I am,

Yours fraternally,

OCTOBER 14th, 1898.

H. A. BEVIS.

ALPHA-RHO.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

Alpha-Rho enters the field with fifteen men. Our success in procuring a good delegation from 1902 is very gratifying to us all. In my next letter I shall be able to report new wearers of the Star and Crescent—good athletes, good scholars, and good fellows, all of them.

Bro. Parsons, whom I mentioned in a former letter as seriously ill, has recovered and is again among us. This gives us great pleasure. Bro. Coombs has left college. Bro. Willey will remain out this year.

At Commencement we were pleased to see Bro. Hamlin, '98, wearing the key of Phi Beta Kappa.

With best wishes to all our sister Chapters, I am,

Yours fraternally,

ELBERT B. HOLMES.

SEPTEMBER 24th, 1898.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The year '99 opens at the Ohio State University with prospects of its being the brightest in its history.

Notwithstanding the war and the losses incident to the same, the attendance mark has gone beyond that of any previous year. So large, in fact, is our Freshman class that the "Sophs" seemed to have forgotten that there was ever such a thing as a rush at O. S. U.

Alpha-Sigma returns twelve men this year ready to do and dare for our Fraternity. Four spikes testify that we were alive to Kappa Sigma's interests. Of the four boys who left for the front three are back. Brelsford and Burkett arrived with the First Ohio Cavalry, Butcher with the Light Artillery, leaving only Oglesby, who is with the Fourth Ohio Infantry in Porto Rico. They are the same fellows that left, with the exception of a surplus of whiskers, which seemed to have flourished abundantly in the Southern camps, also a certain lankness about the jaws, indicative of a lack of even "Dorm" food. The rest of us heroes who did not go to war are Bros. Spencer, Johnston, Sprague, Postlewait, Lisle, '99; Phillips, Mattingly, 1900; Hunt, Poole, and Long, 1901.

We anticipate for the University a successful season in foot-ball this year—if numbers of applicants for positions indicate anything we certainly will have a strong team. Among these applicants are several Kappa Sigmas. 'Twould be surprising if it were not so, for ever since Alpha-Sigma's founding she has been represented on the gridiron by one or more of her stalwart athletes.

Wishing all Kappa Sigmas a successful and profitable year, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

L. M. LISLE.

SEPTEMBER 30th, 1898.

ALPHA-TAU.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA, GA.

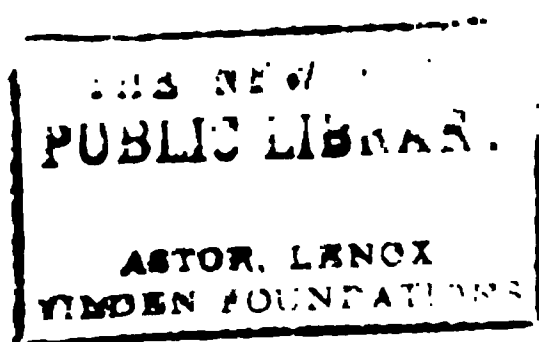
This year we start out with a considerable reduction in numbers, but with a strong determination to keep the Chapter up to the standard set by those who have gone before us.

We have since the opening of school, September 28th, initiated four new men: Lewis Gardiner Yankey, 1901, Albany, Ga.; Mallory Reynolds Flournoy, 1902, Columbus, Ga.; Chas. Hall Taylor, 1903, Macon, Ga., and Paul Wesley Matheson, 1903, Toccoa, Ga. This increases our ranks to nine, and we hope to introduce others in our next letter. The above four can be relied upon to do their part in pushing Kappa Sigma to the front. We lost only one man by graduation, Bro. B. W. Seawell. Bro. Holmes, 1900, is now attending the Virginia Military Institute. Bro. Jordan, '99, accepted a position on the staff of the *Augusta Chronicle*, and left the institution in May. Bro. Freyer, '99, entered the Naval Academy this year, and judging from the record he made while here, we predict for him a brilliant success. Bro. Snead, 1900, was promoted from First Sergeant to Second Lieutenant in the Third Georgia Volunteers. The prospects for the school are indeed very bright this year, the attendance being the largest in its history. There are about 300 students enrolled so far, which means the enrollment will reach 400 during the year. There are four Fraternities to be maintained from this number, which can be easily done, as there is yet a great deal of good material among the "barbs," and it can be depended upon that Alpha-Tau will get her share.

The time and place of holding the next Conclave was indeed wisely chosen by the S. E. C., so think the members of Alpha-Tau, and we will endeavor to be well represented. This must be the biggest one in the history of Kappa Sigma.



MAIN BUILDING, DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C.



With best wishes for a prosperous year to all the Chapters, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN FLYNN SEAWELL.

OCTOBER 17th, 1898.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

Prosperity has been our aim, and well we have followed it since our organization at Millsaps. The college year is upon us and bids fair to be one of success for Kappa Sigma. Our Chapter lost four men by graduation last session, but we are glad to see that they are all doing well. Bro. Andrews is assistant draughtsman in an office at Meridian, Miss.; Bro. Locke is principal of the public schools of McComb City, Miss.; Bro. Ricketts assistant principal of the Hattiesburg graded school, and Bro. Alford is principal of his home school at Gallman, Miss.

Four men are pledged to us whom we will take within the mysteries of Kappa Sigma at the opening of school. We also hear of other men who are coming to our college "well recommended" by Alumni brothers, and who may prove worthy to wear the emblem of Kappa Sigma. We feel sure that those who come into our midst this college year will prove brilliant jewels in the crown which already adorns the fair brow of Alpha-Upsilon.

The writer has met many brothers during the summer, and all seem anxious to get back to work for the glory of our dear brotherhood.

Millsaps is to get out its first college magazine this session, and the editors, etc., are to be appointed by our Faculty. Kappa Sigma stands high in the estimation of our Faculty, and is sure to have some of these positions.

To those who make an entry into * * * * * in safety

we send greetings. And allow us to say this, that the more enthusiasm a man has for Kappa Sigma to him will the most good come out of our great and noble brotherhood. Long may she live and prosper.

Alpha-Upsilon will be represented at our Conclave at Chattanooga, Tenn., and hopes to meet many brothers there.

Faternally yours,

ETHELBERT H. GALLOWAY.

OCTOBER 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-PHI.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

The opening of this term found but three Kappa Sigmas in the University, Bros. Griffith, Schilling, and myself. Bros. Hanna and Catterall did not return. Bro. King went to Brown University, Bro. Jenkinson to the Dickinson School of Law, and Bro. Morris to the University of Iowa. We lost Bros. Gilpin, Lindemann, and Koons by graduation. We soon got our "goat" in shape, however, and as a result have added two more men to Kappa Sigma, Bros. Louis V. Hottenstein, of Kutztown, Pa., and Albert Funk Meschter, of East Greenville, Pa., both of whom are in every respect worthy to wear the Star and Crescent.

Bros. Davis, Jennings, Catterall, Jenkinson, and Senn spent some time with us at the opening of the term. Bro. Davis will conclude his studies at the Crozer Theological Seminary this year. Bro. Jennings is playing centre for the crack Duquesne Athletic Club. Bro. Senn is in the Medico-Chirurgical Institution at Philadelphia.

Of our last year's class Bro. Gilpin is Principal of the Huntington Mills Schools, Bro. Lindemann Instructor in Mathematics at South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J., and Bro. Koons in the Twelfth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which has not yet been mustered out of service.

The chief interest of the school now is foot-ball. But four of last year's team returned this fall and so our eleven is made up mostly of new material. They are rapidly getting into form, however, and from present indications we may expect a good team.

More interest is being taken in music this year than formerly. The Glee Club has been reorganized and enlarged and a Mandolin and Guitar Club added. Bro. Schilling is Leader of the Mandolin and Guitar Club and Manager of both the Glee and Mandolin Clubs. Bros. Griffith and Meschter are also members of both organizations.

Bro. Griffith has recently been elected basket-ball manager in place of Bro. Morris, who did not return. He is also editorial writer of the *Orange and Blue*, our weekly paper. Your scribe has been elected editor-in-chief of the *Bucknell Mirror*, our monthly periodical.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Fraternally

OLIVER J. DECKER.

OCTOBER 12th, 1898.

ALPHA-CHI.

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, LAKE FOREST, ILL.

The year has opened with the greatest of promise for us, for, although Bros. Graff, Loran, and Miller graduated last year and Bro. Schouler is serving his country, we have a fair number of good, loyal men back, and we fully intend to make this a winning year for Kappa Sigma in Lake Forest University.

We are not altogether egotistical, but nevertheless we cannot help feeling that we are not so bad when we remember that the Presidents of the Senior, the Sophomore, and the Freshman classes, the Manager of the Glee Club, and the Manager of the foot-ball team are all Kappa Sigmas.

And then, too, Bro. Knouff is Business Manager and Bro. Biggs Editor of the *Stentor*, the college paper. Modesty forbids us to speak of our social standing, so it will suffice to say that we always try to live up to Kappa Sigma's reputation.

We greatly regret the loss of Bro. Herrick, who has gone to University of Wisconsin, where he has received a most hearty welcome by his brothers in the Chapter there, and has already been honored with an office.

Bro. Hanson and Bro. Kennedy are not in college this year, but have entered into active business life, the former in Chicago and the latter is in the lumber business in Rib Lake, Wis.

Our University is in splendid condition this year, with all its departments filled to overflowing and more buildings being built to accommodate the overflow. A fine, large infirmary is in course of erection on the campus, and when this is completed we will be the only university in the United States (perhaps with one or two exceptions) which has its own infirmary. The Ladies' Dormitory now building is to be a beauty, one of the finest in the West.

So, with our Chapter planted so firmly in the midst of such auspicious surroundings, our outlook for the future is of the brightest.

Wishing you all a happy and a successful year, and sending you cordial greetings, I remain,

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

OCTOBER 13th, 1898.

E. G. BANTA.

ALPHA-PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB.

Alpha-Psi Chapter is now comfortably situated for the year in an elegant suite of rooms in a large block right in the heart of the city. The Chapter considers itself very fortunate in getting the rooms, as there was a great demand for

them by other Fraternities in school. After having had a year's experience in renting and keeping up a house, the Chapter came to the conclusion that a suite of rooms in a block that was convenient to the University would be the most satisfactory home for the organization, everything considered.

But six of last year's members are in school this year. Robbins is in Princeton University, carrying on his studies and incidentally doing some reporting for the Associated Press and a large Philadelphia paper; Patch is Principal of schools at Bartley, Neb., and Gage is studying art in Boston, being in one of the leading schools there. Hedge is working for the B. & M. Railroad at Deadwood, South Dakota. Towle is still in Manila with one of the Nebraska regiments. He is also corresponding for the *Nebraska State Journal*. Schwarz and Shuff are with Bryan's regiment at Jacksonville, the former being a captain and the latter a lieutenant.

Fisher, who is with us again this year, has a fellowship in the Geological Department of the University. The laboratories of the department are in his sole charge.

Alpha-Psi takes great pride in introducing to the Fraternity William Melford and Prentiss Ruder, who were recently initiated into the organization. Both men are strong in athletics, the former being captain of the foot-ball team and the latter a prominent member of the base-ball team and its captain for the coming year. Raymond Kingsbury, right tackle on the foot-ball team, and Everett Rhea, a leading base-ball player, have pledged themselves to become members as soon as possible. The Chapter is especially proud of these men because of the hold they give it on athletics. It may fairly be said that no Fraternity represented in the University has such a hold on athletics as has Alpha-Psi Chapter of Kappa Sigma.

SAM B. SLOAN.

OCTOBER 10th, 1898.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.

Vacation is ended and six of Alpha-Omega's loyal sons have returned to resume college work for another year.

During the past summer our boys have met on their travels a number of Kappa Sigmas from other Chapters, and they return refreshed, recuperated, and fully convinced that our Fraternity is verily a good thing.

Bro. David Otto Row, a charter member and head petitioner of Beta-Gamma Chapter, is in our midst, and we welcome him most heartily. Bro. Row is a former student of William Jewell College, and was a member of the local society which merged into Alpha-Omega Chapter.

We regret very much to lose Bro. Lester C. Grady, who has decided to begin the study of medicine. Bro. Grady will be greatly missed in athletic circles, having played full-back on our foot-ball team and also having been prominent in other field work. He will attend lectures in Kansas City, and we look forward to many pleasant visits from him.

Our representatives in athletics this year are Bros. Bruce, Scott, and Sydnor, and through them we may expect the wonted quota of honors.

Bro. Bruce has been elected Sporting Editor of the *William Jewell Student* by the Excelsior Society, and it is a fact to be proud of, as it is considered an honor.

On the whole the year has been begun under fairly auspicious circumstances.

At our first meeting the following officers were elected: Sydnor, G. M.; B. R. Bishop, G. P.; Scott, G. M. C.; Simrall, G. S.; Bruce, G. T.; Row, Guard, and C. R. Bishop, Correspondent.

With a hearty greeting to all within the * * * * * , I am,

Yours in Kappa Sigma bonds,
SEPTEMBER 12th, 1898.

CARTER R. BISHOP.

BETA-ALPHA.**BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.**

We regret to announce that since our last letter to **THE CADUCEUS** we have lost four of our most valuable men, Bro. Hart, '98, by graduation, and Bros. Jaynes, 1900, Beaslee, 1900, and C. J. Patton, 1901, from other causes. This left our number reduced to twelve at the opening of the college year. We set to work with a will, however, and we are glad to say that we have pledged several very desirable men whose initiation we expect to report before the issue of the next **CADUCEUS**. These, together with Bro. King, who came to us from Bucknell University, and Bro. Piper, who entered Brown from Bowdoin, will bring our membership nearly to the twenty-five mark.

Our reception and spread last Class-day evening were an unqualified success. We were fortunate in securing a large corner room on the ground floor of Wilson Hall, which our Class-day committee decorated profusely with palms, ferns, and festoons of bunting in the Fraternity colors. From eight till eleven the room was crowded with guests, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

A few weeks before Class-day we held our annual election of officers for the ensuing College year, resulting in the choice of the following: M. E. Henry, G. M.; W. F. Koopman, G. M. C.; F. S. Johnson, G. P.; C. I. Gates, G. S.; A. H. Fitz, G. T., and L. B. Adams, G.

It is a special source of gratification to report that Kappa Sigma is capturing her share of the scholarship prizes here at Brown as elsewhere. Last Commencement day it was announced that L. M. Patton, one of our most loyal Kappa Sigma men, had taken one of the Carpenter prizes for excellence in declamation; also that Bro. Hart had won both the Foster premium in Greek and the first of the Lucius Lyon premiums in Latin, amounting in all to nearly \$200.

Since our last letter we have also been making progress in affairs more directly connected with Chapter life. We have vacated our former quarters, which were rather small and ill adapted for a permanent Chapter home, and have secured a commodious suite consisting of four large and well-appointed rooms, conveniently situated in the heart of the city within about five minutes' walk of the campus. The rooms are all adjoining each other, and are well supplied with closets, coat rooms, and store rooms. We think they are in every sense ideal Fraternity halls.

During last spring term we received visits from brothers at Bowdoin, Vermont University, and Pennsylvania State. These informal chats with brothers from other Chapters proved one of the most pleasant features of our Fraternity life, and we hope that in the future any Kappa Sigma men passing through Providence will arrange to call on us.

The members of this Chapter all unite in extending to our younger brothers, Beta-Gamma, Beta-Delta, and Beta-Epsilon a welcoming grip and a hearty Godspeed. We know from trial that they will find the experiences of their Fraternity life among the most enjoyable and most profitable of their whole college course, and we wish them abundant success.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

CHARLES I. GATES.

OCTOBER 18th, 1898.

BETA-GAMMA.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA, MO.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that Beta-Gamma greets her sisters at the beginning of the new year. Our hopes for the opening of the year have been realized beyond measure. All the members of last year returned except Bro. Marbutt, who is now surveying among the "Rockies" in

Colorado, and Bro. Row, who returned to William Jewell, where we know he received a hearty welcome from the brothers of Alpha-Omega.

With eight men to begin with we felt that the success of Beta-Gamma for the year was assured. We have already increased our number with two excellent men: Bros. O. H. Turner and F. S. Lyman, whom we present to all our brothers as worthy Kappa Sigmas.

The election of officers at the beginning of the year resulted as follows: Bro. Robinson, G. M.; Bro. Terrell, G. P.; Bro. Weatherly, G. M. C.; Bro. W. H. Turner, G. T., and Bro. Barnhardt, G. S.

It is with no little pride that we announce that Beta-Gamma will occupy a Chapter-house within a few days. Professor J. P. Blanton has been chosen President of the University of Idaho, and it was our rare good fortune to obtain his magnificently furnished residence for our home.

Our share of the honors for the beginning of the year have not been small. Owing to the absence of Lieutenant Buffington, Bro. W. H. Turner was chosen Acting Commandant of the Cadet Corps; Bro. Weatherly was awarded the teaching fellowship in Surveying; Bro. O. H. Turner was appointed First Lieutenant and Adjutant, and your scribe was appointed First Lieutenant in the Artillery, and was elected President of the Senior Class.

With best wishes for success to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,
Fraternally,

OCTOBER 16th, 1898.

J. CROCKETT EDWARDS.

BETA-DELTA.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.

The College opened this year with the largest number of new students in its history. Among this lot Beta-Delta has been hard at work picking out the best for Kappa Sigma

brothers. We feel proud to introduce to the members of our brotherhood Bros. J. E. Buchanan, C. L. Kirk, J. T. McDonald, and W. K. Rodgers. We have three other good men whom we hope to initiate soon.

But eight of our fellows returned this year. Being unable to secure a house, we have furnished an elegant suite of rooms, where we expect to spend many happy hours. We are organizing a Kappa Sigma music club, which we hope to make a prominent feature of the Fraternity.

We received a letter some few days ago from Bro. Daragh, Secretary of Pittsburg Alumni Association, saying that they wished to make us a visit and help us in any way they could. We are arranging to have some initiates for the time of their visit, and expect to have a very pleasant time together.

Bro. Cleeland was elected President of the Freshman class and led it successfully through the class rush on the campus. Bro. Underwood was chosen by the Philosophic and Union Literary Society as their essayist for the inter-society contest.

The college foot-ball team is remarkably strong this year. It has started out in its same old course, and so far has not been scored against. We played Lafayette and defeated her by a score of 16 to 0. We have several large games on the schedule, but are confident of victory. It is a saying that Washington and Jefferson does not know what it is to be defeated.

We wish for the greatest possible success of all Kappa Sigmas wherever they may be. May the choicest of the land be led within the bonds of Kappa Sigma.

Fraternally yours,

R. P. LIPPINCOTT.

OCTOBER 13th, 1898.

PERSONALS.

EPSILON.

John A. Wise was married the early part of the summer in Hazlehurst, Miss., to Miss Durr, of the same place. Bro. Wise is connected with the firm of J. P. Wise & Co.

We are in receipt of two years' subscription to THE CADUCEUS from Bro. C. H. Hardenbergh, one of the founders of Epsilon, who is serving on the U. S. S. "Wheeling" in Alaskan waters. His address is in care of United States Navy Pay Office, San Francisco.

NU.

Edward Anderson, First United States Cavalry, who was confidential clerk in the War Department previous to the war with Spain, served in the Santiago and Porto Rican campaigns with distinction. He was stricken down with fever and forced to return to the United States. Bro. Anderson has been promoted to a captaincy, and is now stationed at West Point as instructor in the United States Military Academy.

XI.

On August 14th, at St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Ark., Bro. Powell Clayton was married to Miss Oro Parham. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Vaulx, D. D. (Xi). Bro. Clayton and wife will reside at Little Rock, where he occupies a responsible position in the Federal Court.

SIGMA.

Hartwell W. Rogers, '98, is of the firm of Rogers & Hackney, druggists, in Wesson, Miss.

UPSILON.

Julian C. Jordan was married to Miss Evelyn James, of Danville, Va., on November 2d. Bro. Jordan and wife have the best wishes of THE CADUCEUS for *bon voyage* over the sea of life. Bro. Jordan is engaged in tobacco business at Greenville, N. C.

Lewis Fleming, of Richmond, Va., was accidentally shot by a companion while gunning on October 22d, and died one week later. His tragic death was a severe shock to his many friends. He always took a lively interest in Kappa Sigma, was untiring in his efforts for the success of the Richmond Conclave in 1894, and will be sorely missed by the Fraternity.

PHI.

The marriage of Dr. Will H. Deaderick to Miss Mamie Moseley took place in Clarksville, Tenn., on August 11th. Bro. Deaderick is practicing medicine in Clarksville, and is a loyal Kappa Sigma. THE CADUCEUS extends its best wishes to the happy couple.

L. Newton Byers, '96, is Assistant County Register of Montgomery County, in Clarksville, Tenn.

Herbert E. Morrow is attending school in Virginia.

OMEGA.

Berkeley St. John Green, who has been in the employ of the New York Life Insurance Company at St. Louis, is at present stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., as Hospital Steward in Third United States Volunteer Engineer Corps. Bro. Green was actively connected with the St. Louis Alumni movement, and is a regular subscriber to THE CADUCEUS.

ALPHA-BETA.

Dr. Mark J. White, '94, who has for some time been connected with the New York office of United States Immigration Service, Medical Division, in July stood the examination for appointment as Assistant Surgeon, United States Hospital Service, receiving the highest grade out of twenty-four applicants. He has since been appointed by the President.

ALPHA-LAMDA.

Warner Jackson Morse, '98, was married on July 6th, 1898, to Miss Mary A. Leland, of Johnson, Vt. Bro. Fort, 1900, performed the ceremony.

O. W. Barrett, ex-'96, of the City of Mexico, has been appointed entomological collector and exhibitor for the Mexican Government at the Paris Exposition to be held in 1900.

Dr. C. G. Andrews, '95, Medical '97, was married on September 29th, 1898, at Burlington, Vt., to Miss Mabel Hutchinson.

Bro. Fisher, '96, has returned from Toronto, P. O., where he graduated from the Veterinary College with highest honors, and has entered into partnership with Dr. F. A. Rich, of Burlington, Vt.

John S. Buttles, '97, is studying law at Columbia University, New York City.

Merton C. Robbins, '98, will engage in newspaper advertising work in New York City.

Arthur W. Floyd, ex-'98, is at work laying out a railroad in Troy, N. Y.

George E. Nelson, ex-1901, has received an appointment

to West Point, and will take the examinations in the near future.

Charles A. Coburn, '97, for the past year General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has received and accepted a call to become General Secretary of the Newburyport, Mass., Association. This is one of the most prosperous associations in the State. The building is ideal. It was erected in 1890 by Mrs. Corliss as a memorial gift in honor of her husband, the inventor of the Corliss engine. Bro. Coburn goes to his new field October 22d.

ALPHA-RHO.

The engagement of Bro. George Edgar Carmichael, '97, of Philadelphia, to Miss Mabel Blake Fuller, is announced.

Bro. Reuel W. Smith, '97, has entered the Harvard Law School.

Bro. J. William Hewitt, '97, is principal of the Hanover High School, at Hanover, N. H.

Bro. Ernest C. Edwards, '98, is collector for the International Correspondence Schools, at Boston, Mass. His address is 55 Temple Street.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

J. J. Bowman, '97, who has for the past year been editing a paper at Salem, Mo., has accepted the Chair of History and English in Farmington Baptist College, Farmington, Mo.

BETA-BETA.

W. L. Prince, '98, a charter member of the Richmond College Chapter, and its chief promoter, is teaching in the Windsor Academy, at Windsor, Va. Bro. Prince still keeps in touch with the Fraternity through the medium of **THE CADUCEUS**.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Phi Kappa Sigma has established a Chapter at the Armour Institute of Technology at Chicago.

Ex-Solicitor General George A. Jenks, who, as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, is making a vigorous canvass, is a staunch Phi Psi.

Foster M. Voorhees, who succeeded Attorney-General Griggs as Governor of New Jersey, is a graduate of Rutgers College, Class of '76, and a member of Delta Upsilon.

Frank Chapin Bray, of New York City, succeeds W. C. Gretzinger as Editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*. Mr. Gretzinger has retired on account of a pressure of other work.

Phi Gamma Delta is one of the Fraternities to hold her semi-centennial this year, and will celebrate it with the Washington and Jefferson Chapter, where the Fraternity originated.

In the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for July is the report that the whole of Rho Chapter of that Fraternity, located at Butler University, enlisted in the army at the outbreak of the war with Spain.

Herbert B. Moyer, of Pennsylvania, is said to be at work on a Manual for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, similar to the one issued by Walter B. Palmer for Phi Delta Theta. Kappa Alpha has published "K. A. in '97" by M. Ammen.

After an existence of fifty-five years Phi Beta Kappa, in 1831, made public its motto, the signification of which is "Philosophy is the Guide of Life." In that year it changed from a secret, social, and literary society to an honorary society, as it now is.

The name "Somers," given to the torpedo boat purchased in Germany, recalls the meeting on the brig "Somers" in 1842, as a result of which Phillip Spencer, one of the founders of Chi Psi, was hanged. Members of Chi Psi were called "Pirates" long afterwards, as it was claimed that Spencer intended starting on a career of piracy. His friends and many others claim that he was innocent of the charge.

The national Phi Beta Kappa Council on February 14th, 1898, sent out to all the Chapters of the Fraternity two resolutions which will probably result in settling two long-discussed questions. The first declares that it is inexpedient to grant a charter at any institution which does not grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The second declares that it is inexpedient to confine the members in every Chapter to graduates taking the degree of B. A.. Until a few years ago the sentiment of these resolutions was the sentiment of the entire society, but recently, owing to the rapid and prosperous development of scientific courses and schools, it has proved more difficult to ignore them. The resolutions will once more restore the equilibrium of the society. They will affect many Western colleges.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

"James S. Davis, the manager and head grocery clerk of the firm of Davis & Rose, Clarence Wyche, the efficient night operator of the Seaboard Air Line, and John Horton, chief measuring clerk at the Henderson Cotton Mills, went up to Chapel Hill last Friday and were duly taken into the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of that College. The young gentlemen report having had a very pleasant time." This clipping was taken from the *Henderson Gold Leaf*, of Henderson, N. C., and indicates the manner in which the University of North Carolina Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega occasionally swells its list of members. At the same time such a course cannot produce a feeling of respect for the Fraternity or a regard for its members as men of a liberal college education.

The Fraternity should, for its reputation, take prompt action in such a flagrant abuse of Fraternity membership.

To the list given in the December *Scroll* of fifty-two colleges and universities at which Theta Nu Epsilon has established Chapters, should be added the University of Illinois, Roanoke College, and Central University. The latter is the only one reported as starting this year. Baird gives no Chapter list for Theta Nu Epsilon, evidently disapproving of it. He says that there is good reason to believe that many of the Chapters of Theta Nu Epsilon have been established without the consent of the organization as such. In fact, it is generally reported that each new Chapter is allowed to charter one other of its own selection. It is said that the five members of Beta Theta Pi who joined Theta Nu Epsilon at Dickinson this year, were disciplined by their Chapter for doing so. The Phi Chapters at Case and Dickinson have by-laws against Theta Nu Epsilon membership.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

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SITUATION.

Midst picturesque surroundings in Prince Edward County, in the southern part of the "Old Dominion," is situated this venerable institution of learning. About seventy-five miles to the west stretches the stately Blue Ridge, its dim outline scarcely discernible in the distance. Hampden-Sidney has the distinction of being the only school for higher learning located in south-side Virginia, that portion of the State east of the Blue Ridge and south of the James. The College was planted by its sturdy founders in the "forest primeval," in the quiet and peaceful depths of the woods with the refreshing fragrance of untainted air blowing over its

campus of pine and oak. Here it was that many who afterwards became great in Virginia and the Southland came in search of the fountain of knowledge. Many went hence and left the impress of their lives and characters upon their generation. The old court-house of the county was about a mile from the College, where now stands the historic but dilapidated village of Worsham. Many years ago the long, crooked, straggling street of this village was the scene of stirring events in the history of Virginia; for here it was that the ringing voice of Patrick Henry was often heard. Here it was that the two great thoroughfares of Virginia met and crossed; one running north and south through the "Old Dominion," the other east and west. Thus in the depths of the forest Hampden-Sidney began the noble work of sending the light of learning and Christian education into the dark places of ignorance.

HISTORY.

It is the balmy month of May, 1776. The trees are in all their glory, and the shades of night have just fallen. A lonely traveler pursues his way among the solitudes of Prince Edward, when suddenly an unexpected sight meets his eyes. There before him he sees the foundation walls of a large brick building just rising above the ground, and near by are little huts made of the shingles that were to cover the unfinished building. Coming nearer he sees that the huts are inhabited. A candle is burning near the opening, casting its faint rays into the darkness, and within are four or five boys seated on a bench pouring over their books in the dim candle-light. Who are these fellows so intent over their studies? They are the first "Hampden-Sidney boys," and those walls over there are the foundations of the Academy.

Hampden-Sidney was the second college founded in Virginia, William and Mary being the first. It is unique in the time of its birth and for the forces and causes that brought it into being. It was founded in the historic year of 1775, and

was the outgrowth of a struggle for civil and religious liberty. The people of Hanover, who had been taught the civil and religious creeds of Calvinism, became dissatisfied with the political and religious principles then taught at William and Mary, and hesitated to send their sons there. They felt the need of an institution of classic learning east of the Blue Ridge, where the principles of entire freedom of conscience in matters of religion should be inculcated. In 1771 the subject of education was taken up in earnest. Samuel Stanhope Smith, a highly educated minister originally from Pennsylvania, proved to be the man of the hour, and through his untiring efforts with the help of Old Hanover Presbytery, Hampden-Sidney Academy was at length opened for students, January 1st, 1776. Students flocked to the young college in great numbers, 110 being in attendance shortly after the Institution was opened. Under the presidencies of S. S. Smith and his illustrious brother, John Blair Smith, Hampden-Sidney was carried safely through the throes of the Revolution, and in 1783 the Academy cast aside its swaddling clothes and become a full-fledged College by an Act of the Legislature, which granted a charter of incorporation.

The same spirit that brought on the American Revolution burnt the brick that built Hampden-Sidney. In the words of its first President, the object of the College was "to form good men and good citizens, on the common and universal principles of morality, distinguished from the narrow tenets which form the complexion of any set." The spirit of the founders is further shown by these words in the Act of incorporation: In order to preserve in the minds of the students that sacred love and attachment which they should ever bear to the principles of the present glorious Revolution, the greatest care and caution should be used in electing professors and masters, to the end that no person shall be elected unless the uniform tenor of his conduct manifests to the world his sincere affection for the

liberty and independence of the United States of America." Under the leadership of such a galaxy of Presidents as J. B. Smith, Drury Lacy, Archibald Alexander, Moses Hoge, Lewis W. Green, and J. M. P. Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney has always manifested this spirit. In every war that has cursed our country Hampden-Sidney has responded nobly in defence of those principles for the dissemination and ultimate establishment of which the College was founded.

At the call of Lee, the boys left the quiet scenes of College life and offered their lives and their fortunes upon the altar of their beloved Southland. President Atkinson became Captain Atkinson, and led forth his students to the defence of Virginia and what they believed to be right. When the tattered veterans laid down their arms in surrender they found the College in a state of gloom and depression. But under the wise administration of President Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney rose Phoenix-like from her ashes, and began another era of increasing prosperity and usefulness. At length, in 1883, in his advancing old age, Dr. Atkinson felt that the fullness of time had come for him to entrust to another the work he had performed so faithfully and so long.

THE PRESENT RÉGIMÉ.

An all-wise Providence raised up a man for the vacancy in the person of Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D. D., a man of wonderful common sense and executive ability, who brought to the administration that push and aggressiveness which is needed. His management has been strong and masterly; great obstacles have been met, great difficulties have been overcome, and the College has been put on a sound basis. Memorial Hall, a handsome building of pressed brick, has been erected in memory of the men who have labored and been educated here. It contains a handsome and comfortable chapel, lecture rooms, chemical laboratory, and society halls. A well-equipped gymnasium has been fitted out, and

exhibitions of gymnastic skill are given yearly. The buildings are now supplied with water, a system of water-works having been put in two years ago; and at this writing the gas plant just completed is almost ready to furnish light and heat to the chemical and physical laboratories. An adjunct professorship of chemistry has been established, and two Fellows are yearly elected instead of one.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

In college life at Hampden-Sidney the literary societies have always had an important part. In 1776, while the institution was still an academy, there were two societies, the Cliosophic and the Tully Whitefield (afterwards called The American Whig Society). There are, to-day, two descendants of the Cliosophic and the Whitefield: Union, organized in 1789; Philanthropic, organized in 1805. Two large halls, handsomely furnished, are set apart for their use in Memorial Hall. A healthy rivalry has long existed between the societies, and "electioneering for society" consumes most of the opening week. The Constitution and Laws, the officers and particulars of the societies are secret. Princeton, Lafayette, University of North Carolina, and Hampden-Sidney are the only colleges that still hold to this old but invigorating principle.

PUBLICATIONS.

The *Hampden-Sidney Magazine*, the oldest of the student publications, is now in its sixteenth volume. It was begun in 1859, and two volumes were issued before the war. The publication was not renewed until 1884. Since that time the *Magazine* has been published each session, with the exception of 1889-'90, when it succumbed to financial difficulties. The magazine staff is a "close" electing organization, that is, the editors elect yearly their own successors. So far this plan has been entirely satisfactory, and only meritorious men get

elected to staff positions. The *Magazine* is published by the literary societies, to which the editors must submit annual reports of the financial condition of the publication. For the last six years an annual, or year-book, has been making its appearances in June, amid the gayeties of Commencement. The editors of the *Kaleidoscope* are elected by the several classes; six from the Senior, three from the Junior, two from the Sophomore, and one from the Freshman. *The Students' Handbook* is a neat publication, presented yearly with the compliments of the Young Men's Christian Association, to the new students.

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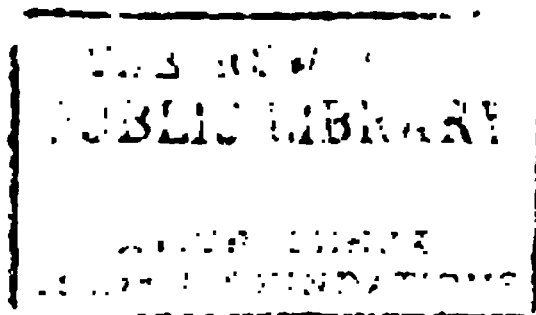
The Fraternity system has existed long at Hampden-Sidney, and is strongly intrenched among its traditions. In 1850, Beta Theta Pi placed a Chapter here. It grew very rapidly, as it had no rival, and was influential in college life. However, in 1856, Phi Kappa Psi established a strong Chapter here. These were the only Fraternities represented at Hampden-Sidney before the war. Chi Phi began its life here in 1867, and Phi Gamma Delta came in 1870, Sigma Chi in 1872, Kappa Sigma in 1883, Psi Kappa Alpha in 1885. In 1890 Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Theta Psi appeared to increase the number of rival Fraternities, but they were both short-lived, leaving "the old seven" to pursue the even tenor of their way.

Beside the general Fraternities represented here, there are several Class societies worthy of mention. The V of the Senior Class, organized February, 1897, has great influence in college life, and it is the ambition of the Junior to get a bid to become one of the five elect. At the University of Mississippi there is a similar society among the Seniors, their charter having been granted last spring by the Hampden-Sidney Chapter. In the Junior Class there is the J. H. C., an important factor in college life and spirit. The R. H. O. C. T., a ribbon



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society of the Sophomore class, completes the list of secret societies.

Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Sigma was established November 11th, 1883, by S. A. Jackson, that enthusiastic Kappa Sigma, who in his lifetime did so much to bring the Fraternity to the high position she now holds. There were stirring times during the fall of '83, and the rivalry between the five Fraternities became very bitter. Consequently they looked with disfavor upon the coming of another rival sister among them. The wearers of the Crescent and Star were determined, however, and nothing could thwart them in their purpose. While a brother stood guard with drawn pistol, amid a scene of uproar and excitement, Upsilon was ushered into Kappa Sigmadom with due form and ceremony, and began her happy and unbroken career of prosperity and good-fellowship. To-day she stands with the highest rank, a band of nine congenial, earnest, loyal brothers. Upsilon is represented in every sphere of college activity; she stands for aggressive college spirit; and her members are popular with all classes. Well may she be proud of her past record, and every energy shall be exerted to make her future still more glorious.

May the classic walls of Old Hampden-Sidney ring for years to come with the cry,

Rah, rah, rah,
Crescent and Star!
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Kappa Sigma!

EUGENE C. CALDWELL, Upsilon, '98.

THE CONCLAVE.

As the time of our Conclave approaches every Kappa Sigma who has the proper love for his Fraternity will turn with natural interest and anxiety to the thoughts of what will be done at Chattanooga. And there is not one who has imbibed the true spirit of his Order that will not have a burning desire to attend this Conclave.

We hope to make it, and are determined to make it, the most memorable occasion of any meeting yet in the history of Kappa Sigma. Everything conspires to make it a success.

The place itself should be sufficient to cause every one who has any love for travel, for scenery, or for historic events to attend the Conclave.

Chattanooga and surrounding country, as you all know, is a veritable battlefield. The great battles of Missionary Ridge were fought in what is now a resident portion of Chattanooga. The world-renowned "battle above the clouds" was waged upon the plateaus of historic old Lookout. The battles of Chickamauga, the greatest ever fought in America, occurred within a few miles of the city. There is not a spot throughout the surrounding country that is not either of legendary or historic interest.

The city itself, surrounded on every side by mountains, receives its name from the significant shape of the valley in which it rests: "Chattanooga," the Indian designation for "Hawk's Nest."

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So grand are the views from Lookout that many tourists have pronounced them the finest they have ever seen.

Descending from Lookout we come to the Chickamauga-Chattanooga Military Park, the largest military park in the world. It was here that the majority of our troops were mobilized during the recent Spanish war. Here it was that so many Kappa Sigmas from all over the land camped during their recent summer vacation. They can all testify to the benefits one will receive from a visit to this vicinity.

Due to the many attractions which Chattanooga possesses, both natural and historic, as well as acquired, she has long been recognized as a "Convention city." People have been anxious to have their meetings where they would naturally desire to go as tourists, so as to serve the double purpose of convention and travel at the same time. We believe the wisdom of our Supreme Executive Committee's selection will be vindicated by one of the largest attendances yet seen at a Kappa Sigma Conclave.

The time for holding the Conclave—during the holidays—was selected so as to give all college men an opportunity of attending. Heretofore it has not been easy for a large number to leave their college duties in the fall so as to take advantage of these meetings. This barrier is now removed, at least for this time, and every one is free to attend. You can go home any other time, all holidays after this and all prior to this, also every summer. This one holiday, or at least a part of it, you should give to Kappa Sigma. You may not have another opportunity like this in a lifetime, so you cannot afford to neglect it.

One cannot appreciate the vast good that is derived from these meetings without participating in them. There is a consciousness of pleasure, of universal sympathy, of universal friendship which neither is, nor can be, experienced elsewhere.

One here feels a perfect freedom of expression, a per-

fect ease of action, the natural result of an absolute faith in the friendship and well-wishing of those with whom he is associated. One will never realize the true depth and broadness of the fraternal feeling until he mingles with the representatives of his Order from the different sections of our country. At these gatherings one learns that the secret of human sympathy has its seat in the human breast, and has no geographical location.

I count the three days I spent at the Indianapolis Conclave as the most profitable days of my life. And to show the universal feeling as to the pleasure and profit of the meeting, there was a spontaneous and unanimous vote to the effect that every member present would make the greatest endeavor of his life and undergo any sacrifice in order to attend all future Conclaves. This was the feeling of those who attended our last Conclave, and if rumor does not deceive, it is the feeling that pervades every Kappa Sigma Conclave.

Besides the personal benefit derived, all loyal Fraternity men must have some interest in the affairs of his Order. These affairs must be looked after, that the good work may go on, and no man has the right to shift his proportion of responsibility to another. After returning from these national meetings, one is broader, has new ideas, is more awake to responsibility, and in every way is better fitted to understand and cope with the conditions peculiar to his local Chapter and section of the country. If you have been benefited by your connection with Kappa Sigma, it is time to show it by taking the proper interest in its national meetings. It is your duty to attend, and I assure you you will never have cause to regret having gone.

We want you all to come to Chattanooga. We are prepared to entertain the whole Fraternity, from December 28th to 30th, 1898.

If you are not there you will causes a vacancy, so you cannot afford to be absent. Such a thing as any Chapter of

Kappa Sigma being without representation at this Conclave is not to be thought of. It is possible for every one to be represented and those who fail, which I feel sure there are none, will have failed in their most solemn duty. Let us have universal representation this once, and starting this time, let the future never take a backward step. Any Chapter being without a delegate will defeat this noble aim after which we are striving, and I am sure no Chapter wishes to put itself on record as balking this endeavor to benefit the whole Fraternity; so it is understood that we are to have every Chapter represented. As you love Kappa Sigma and all that it stands for, do not fail in your part; do not allow your Chapter to shirk this supreme duty.

All of our Alumni Chapters will also be expected to send delegates, and the Alumni at large from all over the country are cordially invited to join us in this re-union of Kappa Sigmas.

We are going to have a right royal time at this Chattanooga Conclave; not least among the attractions will be the Kappa Sigma ball, on the evening of the 29th. This will be the social event of the week at Chattanooga. All the society belles of the city, together with some imported ones, will be there to receive you. Representatives from other Fraternities will also be invited, that this merry-making of Greeks may have a still broader influence. All handsome men who dance are conscripted for this occasion; also all Kappa Sigmas of whatever denomination are urged to be present. Kappa Sigma's reputation throughout the State is at stake here, and we must and will uphold it.

We regret that we cannot have a longer time to serve you, and shall insist that as many as possible of you remain over even after the Conclave adjourns, that you may become better acquainted with our people. Come, if possible, with the intention of remaining over. We cannot see too much of you.

Kappa Sigma headquarters will be at the Southern Hotel. Special rates and arrangements have been made for the occasion. Committees will endeavor to meet all trains on the 27th and 28th. If, however, they do not, you will know to proceed at once to the Southern Hotel and make yourself at home among the boys.

Tennessee and the South appreciate the responsibility of having the Conclave at Chattanooga, and will have a large representation present to receive you. We shall expect to meet there representatives from every Chapter in the Union. No one, I think, will have the heart to disappoint us, or be so deaf to the interests of Kappa Sigma as to be without representation.

Let the watchword of every Kappa Sigma throughout our broad land, from now till the Conclave is over, be: "On to Chattanooga!"

ISRAEL M. PUTNAM, Kappa,
Chairman of Committee on Arrangements.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tenn.,
November 27th, 1898.

IN MEMORIAM.

MERTON ROSCOE COLLINS, Ph. M.,
Died Nov. 6th, 1898.

One of the saddest accidents that has ever happened in connection with the University occurred Saturday evening, November 5th, when Merton R. Collins, '97, in some manner not known, was thrown under the wheels of the passenger train which leaves the Reading station, Williamsport, at 11.30, and had both legs horribly mangled. He had just a

few minutes before boarded the train for the purpose of bidding good-bye to some of his old college friends. The train suddenly started to back up to attach a sleeper, when somebody called out that it would not again stop at the station. It is not known whether he was thrown off the platform by the rush of people getting off the train or in what manner it actually did happen. He was at once taken to the Williamsport Hospital, suffering all the while the most intense pain, until about two o'clock in the morning, when he was etherized, and both legs were amputated. He never rallied and died three hours later.

The funeral was held Wednesday last, from his home at Roaring Branch. A very large number of people were in attendance. It was held in the Methodist Church of that place, of which the deceased was a member. The sermon was preached by his pastor, Rev. Robt. L. Armstrong, President Harris and Clarence L. Peaslee, Esq., of Williamsport, assisting. A number of students were present, and members of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity acted as pall-bearers.

Merton Roscoe Collins was born December 16th, 1870, at Arnot, Tioga County, Pa. When two years of age his parents removed to Roaring Branch, where they have since resided. Merton attended the public schools until seventeen years of age when he obtained a certificate to teach, and followed that calling for two years. In March, 1891, he entered the Mansfield State Normal School, graduating the following year and delivering the presentation address of his class at graduation. He again taught a year, and in the fall of '93 entered the Freshman Class of Bucknell University, graduating with the Class of '97. During his college course he was a leader in almost every phase of college life. He was one of the best foot-ball players that ever played on a Bucknell team. He was manager of the base-ball team during the season of '95. He was the founder and also the Editor-in-Chief of the *Orange and Blue*. He was President of the Theta Al-

pha Literary Society and represented Bucknell in an inter-collegiate debate with Franklin and Marshall College, in which Bucknell won. He was one of the speakers at graduation, being a *magna cum laude*, and taking the first Psychology prize. After graduation he was Principal of the Huntington Mills Schools for one year, and the past summer entered the law office of Attorney-General McCormick, at Williamsport. He was a young man of rare ability and a perfect Christian gentleman, beloved by all who knew him.

MERTON ROSCOE COLLINS.

By Prof. Perrine.

Seldom, if ever, has the University been so startled as when it received the tragic news that Collins had been crushed under a train at Williamsport, and that life had departed from his mangled body. Aside from the dauntless courage with which he met his fate, there seems to have been no feature lacking that would add horror to his untimely taking-off. In the dark night of a day that had been crowded with life and joy, during which many of his school-time memories and friendships had been recalled and renewed, and surrounded by his fellow-students whose jokes and fun and enthusiasm proved that their faces were still towards the sunrise, Collins was called to give up everything in an overwhelming stroke of pain and disaster—and he did it like a soldier. Let us hope that some ministering angel up-bore him in the swelling flood so that what to the sorrowing watchers seems death's cruel dart, was indeed the opening of gates "we call Elysian."

No student, at least in recent years, has developed more fully under the training for which Bucknell stands, than did Collins. Intellectually, socially, morally, spiritually, he made rapid strides, all of which his instructors and fellows marked and in which they rejoiced. Alike on the ball-field and in the

recitation room, he was determined to succeed, not with the cheap "finery" of a transitory effort but with the abiding glory of sustained toil. His eyes had gladly opened to see the difference between wheat and chaff; his heart led him strongly to seek after the one and to reject the other; his light burning brightly and still more bright gave great promise—and Bucknell bows her head for one from whom she expected and would have received so much of untiring devotion, so much of unflagging loyalty. Of such sons, with more than Cornelia's Roman pride she can say: "These are my jewels;" and if the influence of a true university ought to be and is exerted beyond the bounds even of the physical universe, then she may still rejoice to think that Collins received his impulse toward all higher things while he studied within her gates.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY.

HALL OF ALPHA PHI CHAPTER OF KAPPA SIGMA
FRATERNITY.

LEWISBURG, PA., November 7th, 1898.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from this life Merton Roscoe Collins, our most loyal friend and brother; be it

Resolved, That we hereby manifest our sorrow and grief at the loss which we as brothers have sustained.

Resolved, That this Chapter has lost a most faithful and honored member, and the world one who has been an example of Christian manhood.

Resolved, That we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That as a token of respect to the memory of our departed brother the badge of the Order be worn inverted for thirty days. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the records of Alphi Phi, one sent to his family, and also be published in THE CADUCEUS and the college papers.

OLIVER J. DECKER,

BENJ. W. GRIFFITH,

GEORGE E. SCHILLING,

LOUIS V. HOTTENSTEIN,

ALBERT F. MESCHTER,

Committee.

LEWIS FLEMING.

On October 22d, 1898, while hunting with companions near Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, Lewis Fleming received a mortal wound from the discharge of a shot gun. He lingered in great agony for one week, and passed away at his home in Richmond, Va., October 29th.

He entered Hampden-Sidney College in the fall of 1890, and remained a student at this institution until the spring of 1893, when he left college and entered business in Richmond. By the manliness of his character, his unyielding honesty, and his generous and loving disposition he won the admiration of all who knew him. He was a favorite with the Faculty and students alike.

October 25th, 1890, on his sixteenth birthday, he was initiated into the Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Sigma, and from that hour to the time of his mournful death he remained a true, loyal, and earnest Kappa Sigma.

At the threshold of a useful life, in the robust strength of young manhood, with the future all roseate with hope and promise, his bright young life passed away and his spirit returned to God who gave it.

At a meeting of Upsilon Chapter, held on November 12th, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, In His all-wise Providence, God has removed from this world our ever-loyal brother, Lewis Fleming, and, as the bonds that unite all true Kappa Sigmas are severed only in death; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death we mourn the loss of a faithful brother; and be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and join them in their sorrow at the sudden termination of a life so full of promise; and be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to them; that a copy be inserted in THE CADUCEUS, and in *The Hampden-Sidney Magazine*; and that a copy be entered upon the records of Upsilon Chapter.

EUGENE C. CALDWELL,

J. WILLIAM KINNIER,

HOWSON W. COLE, JR.,

Committee.

KAPPA SIGMAS IN THE ARMY.

It is our purpose to compile a complete roster of Kappa Sigmas who took part in the recent war with Spain, that "it may be laid up with the records in the archives" of the Fraternity. The following list is the result of our initial efforts in this direction. It is very incomplete as to numbers and details, and necessarily so, since thus far we have been unable to enlist the co-operation of more than half the active Chapters, or to obtain the official rolls of the army and navy.

Beta: J. T. Tompkins, Lieutenant, U. S. Navy.

Gamma: W. L. Stevens, Colonel, First La. Vol. Inf.; R. G. Pleasant, Lieutenant-Colonel, First La. Vol. Inf.; J. W. Lewis, Adjutant, First La. Vol. Inf.; J. A. Moss, First Lieutenant, Twenty-fourth U. S. Inf.

Delta: W. H. Osborne, First Lieutenant, First U. S. Cav.; F. A. McIndoe, First Lieutenant, U. S. Eng.

Epsilon: E. L. Kidd, Captain, First La. Vol. Inf.; C. H. Hardenbergh, ———, U. S. Navy; E. E. Wall, Color Sergeant, ——— La. Vol. Inf.; J. A. Wall, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Hood's Immune Regt.; F. B. Garrett, Sergeant, ——— La. Vol. Inf.

Zeta: Geo. T. Vaughan, Major, Surgeon, Eighth U. S. Vol. Inf.; C. C. McCullough, Captain, Surgeon, U. S. A.; R. S. B. Smith, Chief Courier, Staff Maj. Gen. Lee; Angus McDonald, Private, Co. E, Second Va. Vol. Inf.

Eta: J. L. Terrell, Lieutenant, Second Tex. Vol. Inf.

Theta: C. B. Ewing, Sergeant, Co. H, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.

Kappa: Quinton Rankin, Captain, ——— Tenn. Vol. Inf.; W. W. Rosser, ———, ——— Tenn. Vol. Inf.; W. N. Ayres, Jr., Sergeant, Co. D, First Ark. Vol. Inf.; J. H. Allen, ———, ———; J. H. Marable, Hospital, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.

Lambda: Ridley McLean, Lieutenant, U. S. Navy; J. J. Bernard, Second Lieutenant, Fourth U. S. Inf.; C. B. Smith, Lieutenant, Fourth Tenn. Vol. Inf.; J. T. Stokeley, Lieutenant, Fourth Tenn. Vol. Inf.; S. S. Nicklin, Sergeant, Co. H, Third Tenn. Vol. Inf.

Mu: W. H. Bloss, Sergeant, Co. I, One Hundred and Sixtieth Ind. Vol. Inf.; C. D. Winn, Captain, Co. I, Second Ky. Vol. Inf.

Nu: Edward Anderson, Captain, Asst. Adj. Gen.; J. L. Brooke, Private, Third Va. Vol. Inf.; H. T. Dozier, ———, Fourth Va. Vol. Inf.; J. W. Wright, First Lieutenant, Adj. Fifth U. S. Vol. Inf.; N. P. Oglesby, Hospital, Fourth Ohio Vol. Inf.; R. C. L. Moncure, Lieutenant, Third Va. Vol. Inf.; J. D. Moncure, Private, Co. M, Fourth Va. Vol. Inf.

Xi: E. K. Braly, Captain, Co. B, First Ark. Vol. Inf.; J. L. Moore, First Lieutenant, Co. I, First Ark. Vol. Inf.; W.

C. Hudson, Second Lieutenant, Co. B, First Ark. Vol. Inf.; W. P. Johnson, Sergeant, Co. B, First Ark. Vol. Inf.; Gordon Frierson, Corporal, Co. C, Second Ark. Vol. Inf.; W. T. Pace, Corporal, Co. M, Second Ark. Vol. Inf.

Pi: C. E. Gilpin, Lieutenant, U. S. Navy; G. H. Brooke, Corporal, First U. S. Vol. Eng.; F. N. Carr, First Lieutenant, First W. Va. Vol. Inf.; J. A. Thayer, Second Lieutenant, Fourth W. Va. Vol. Inf.; G. T. Viskniskki, Corporal, Co. F, First U. S. Vol. Eng.; C. I. Leiper, Corporal, Co. C, First U. S. Vol. Eng.; J. F. Murray, ———, Co. D, First U. S. Vol. Eng.; E. Lawrence, Jr., ———, U. S. Naval Reserves; E. D. Hubbard, ———, First U. S. Cavalry.

Sigma: W. C. Dufour, Lieutenant-Colonel, Second La. Vol. Inf.; M. M. Boatner, Major, Hood's Immune Regt.; A. G. Romain, Major, Ninth La. Vol. Inf.; M. H. McGuire, Captain, Surgeon, First La. Vol. Inf.; E. G. Dufour, Captain, Second La. Vol. Inf.; C. C. Friedrichs, Captain, Second La. Vol. Inf.; P. L. Thibaut, Hospital, Second La. Vol. Inf.

Tau: P. H. Traylor, Captain, Surgeon, First Tex. Vol. Inf.; Chas. Leavell, Corporal, First Tex. Vol. Inf.; Cade Bethea, Private, First Tex. Vol. Inf.

Upsilon: P. J. Whitehurst, Private, Co. E, Fourth Va. Vol. Inf.

Phi: E. H. Magruder, Sergeant, Co. A, First Miss. Vol. Inf.; J. C. Kendrick, Jr., Regt. Orderly, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.; R. A. Cox, Private, Co. E, Third Tex. Vol. Inf.; Boyd Johnson, Corporal, Co. H, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.; P. D. Marable, Sergeant, Co. K, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.; W. C. Hurst, Private, Co. H, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.

Chi: H. C. Newland, ———, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.; D. C. Braden, Sergeant, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.; S. L. Pattison, Corporal,

Bat. A, First Ind. Vol. Art.; E. A. Van Valkenberg, Sergeant, ———, Mo. Vol. Art.

Psi: N. E. Goodrich, ———, U. S. Navy; A. M. Hastings, Sergeant, Co. H, First Me. Vol. Inf.; C. O. Porter, Sergeant, Co. M, First Me. Vol. Inf.; R. H. Carlton, Corporal, Co. M, First Me. Vol. Inf.; H. L. White, Corporal, Co. B, First Me. Vol. Inf.; Geo. O. Hamlin, Hospital, First Me. Vol. Inf.; E. J. Noyes, Band, First Me. Vol. Inf.; F. A. Noyes, Band, First Me. Vol. Inf.

Omega: Joseph Wheeler, Jr., First Lieutenant, Staff Maj. Gen. Wheeler; H. R. Carson, Chaplain, Second La. Vol. Inf.; B. St. J. Green, Hospital, Third U. S. Vol. Eng.

Alpha-Alpha: De Witt Coffman, Lieutenant, U. S. Navy.

Alpha-Delta: E. T. Hoopes, Cadet, U. S. Navy.

Alpha-Eta: Algernon Sartoris, First Lieutenant, Staff Maj. Gen. Lee; E. O. Loucks, ———, ———.

Alpha-Theta: G. L. Burke, Corporal, Co. K, First Tenn. Vol. Inf.; C. A. Cox, Bugler, Second Tenn. Vol. Inf.; L. H. Buck, ———, ———; H. G. Mills, Sergeant, Second Tenn. Vol. Inf.; E. W. Skene, ———, ———.

Alpha-Kappa: H. P. Goodnow, Lieutenant, Second U. S. Art.; F. C. Neilson, Asst. Engineer, U. S. Navy.

Alpha-Lambda: M. C. Robbins, Second Lieutenant, Adj. First Vt. Vol. Inf.; H. D. Giddings, Sergeant, Co. M, First Vt. Vol. Inf.; H. A. Seager, Sergeant, Co. C, First Vt. Vol. Inf.

Alpha-Pi: D. E. Chaney, ———, ———; R. E. Dunlap, Sergeant, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.; J. H. McBroom, Corporal, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.; W. M. Green, Jr., ———, One Hundred and Sixtieth Ind. Vol. Inf.; P. M. Eckley, Corporal, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.; O. B. Smith, Band, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.; C. F. Gruber, Band, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Ind. Vol. Inf.

Alpha-Sigma: H. H. Brelsford, Private, Troop D, First Ohio Vol. Cav.; D. V. Burkett, Private, Troop D, First Ohio Vol. Cav.; F. E. Butcher, Private, Bat. H, Ohio Vol. Art.

Alpha-Tau: M. C. C. Snead, Second Lieutenant, Third Ga. Vol. Inf.; E. C. Davis, Hospital, — Ga. Vol. Inf.

Alpha-Phi: R. F. Koons, Private, Twelfth Pa. Vol. Inf.

Alpha-Chi: J. F. Scouller, Sergeant, Co. F, Third Ill. Vol. Inf.

Alpha-Psi: C. F. Schwarz, Captain, Third Neb. Vol. Inf.; C. L. Shuff, First Lieutenant, Third Neb. Vol. Inf.; C. C. Culver, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Griggsby's Rough Riders; G. E. Towl, Private, First Neb. Vol. Inf.

Beta-Gamma: G. G. Robertson, Corporal, Co. I, Fifth Mo. Vol. Inf.

Doubtless many more brothers are entitled to a place on this Roll of Honor, and we will thank any person for information leading to its completion, which may be addressed to the undersigned.

HERBERT M. MARTIN.

DANVILLE, VA., December 1st, 1898.



RUSHING.—The rushing season is now on. This is always to the Fraternity man returning to college the period when he casts his "weather eye" about and sizes up available material for his Chapter. In the olden days—and by the olden days I mean the early "eighties," when I first became acquainted with the Greek world—it was the custom to stand at the train and jerk the incoming Freshman from the platform, hustle him off to the Fraternity hall, and put him on the "goat," even before the poor victim had had time to wash his face and complete his registration at the college office. I know of several cases where delegations from rival Fraternities boarded railway trains at convenient stations near the college town, and solicited men to become members of their respective organizations. It was quite the custom to "lay" for a desirable Freshman at the recitation room door, after meal-time, or at the post-office, and that Fraternity would feel itself lucky whose man or men could secure the attention of the prospective "goat." It was no uncommon sight, after mail hours in the evening, to go up or down the main street and pass delegations of college men engaged in the rushing business. Sometimes the solicited party was flanked on one side by

representatives from one society; on the other, by those from a rival society, and men from other societies brought up the front and rear with body guards for fear that the poor prospective would escape, hasten to his room, and there be lost in the meshes of geometry, or find himself entangled in the difficulties of translating *De Senectute*. Those were the days of "spreads," when one or more men who were considered desirable would be invited by a particular Fraternity to a "watermelon feast," or perhaps to an oyster supper, or, may be, if the fellow was considered especially desirable, a reception would be given at the Chapter hall, and the rushed man made the shining star. Then came the days of whispered conversation; invitations to go to the county fair; secret "confabs" with the prospective in the cemetery, where it was thought that the silence amid the tombs of the dead would impress the party desired with the solemnity and greatness of the Fraternity seeking his membership. Alas! those days are gone, and no one seems sorry that we cannot live them over again; with their passing there went into oblivion Fraternity customs that only live in the memory of those who passed through the experience.

Now, the result of indiscriminate rushing, like sweeping the unsuspecting Freshman from the train to the Fraternity hall, inviting him to dinners, and the like, and, in fact, making much ado about him and bestowing flattery and adulation upon his susceptibilities, had its evil effects. There was the danger of producing self-conceit; the case of the swelled head; and the undoing of the dignity that properly belongs to the college man. This haste in securing Fraternity men also had another effect upon the organizations themselves. Men would skip class and neglect their college work; they would spend the time in looking after the Fraternity's interest that belonged to themselves and to the institution. Not only this, but they would take up the time of the Freshman that should have been devoted to study; incurring habits of idleness and

dissipation, perhaps by lounging at the beer hall or the wine room.

Such a state of affairs affected the Fraternities themselves to such an extent that it became necessary for the colleges to take matters in hand. For the salvation of the institution and the preservation of the Fraternities, certain laws have been enacted in the most progressive colleges, where the Fraternity system prevails, whereby no man can join a Fraternity until he has been in college a limited period, and at the end of that time he must have a clean record upon the books of the institution to be entitled to become a Fraternity man. In other words, he is given time in which to study the Fraternity question; and, moreover, he must do his college work to make him eligible. Much has been said against the Fraternity man because he did not perform college duties. To-day certainly this charge cannot stand, for that man who is not up in his scholastic attainments cannot, in many colleges, become a Fraternity member. This is as it should be. For a man has no business in a college Greek-letter society unless he can maintain a respectable record in his class-room work; and, furthermore, that Fraternity, or that Chapter, which tolerates men of indolent and dissipated habits should have no place on the college Fraternity roll.—*Ex-Editor Gretzinger in The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

A FABLE.—Once upon a time a number of wise men said to one another, "Go to! Let us found a new community, and make ourselves the rulers thereof." So they bought land, and they built buildings, and they sent a proclamation through all the country saying, "Come ye people, and be ruled by us."

Now when the people came, the rulers began to make laws, and soon they formed themselves into a senate of elders and claimed power over life and death. All who did not do as they were commanded were sent back into the outer world

with the brand of failure upon them, and many were the minor penalties inflicted. The most stringent law was that which exacted continual industry. Those who neglected to observe this law were subjected to a punishment so terrible that it was never referred to save in symbolical terms. Its victims were never seen again, and with bated breath people referred to them as being "plucked," or "busted," or as having "flunked."

Not long after the foundation of the community the people began to separate into tribes. At first they all dwelt together at the foot of a mighty precipice; but soon a portion climbed to the top, and made their dwelling there. Because they were above the others they thought themselves superior, and drew a hard and fast line between their own ranks and the people in the plain below. As a term of contempt they gave the latter the title of barbarians, while they called themselves Greeks. The contests between the two were frequent, but such strife was frowned upon by the senate, and the trophies of victory had to be guarded in secret.

Although the Greeks were united against the people of the plain, when warfare was over, they were no longer friends among themselves. They were divided into smaller tribes, and bitter enmity existed among them. They never laid aside their weapons lest there should be a sudden attack. Conflicts with the barbarians took place only on stated occasions after long preparations; but their strife with one another was unceasing.

Now the people of the country were of a nomadic disposition, and every year many of the community persuaded the senate of elders to dismiss them with its blessing. With equal regularity strangers begged for admission, and those who were not markedly unqualified for warfare were allowed to enter. These at first pitched their tents on the neutral ground between the barbarians and the Greeks, and waited to see where they should build a permanent abode. Some of

them went down to the plain almost immediately. Others delayed in the hope of being asked to climb to the cliff above. And soon all the tribes of the Greeks put on their holiday array, and went down to view those camping on the neutral ground. They chose the brightest and most beautiful, and assisted them to climb up the precipice. Often the same person would be chosen by several different tribes, and there was much fighting as to which should give assistance in the climb.

When once the tribes and the chosen ones reached the cliff everywhere there was joy and festivity. The Greeks concealed the fact that they were obliged to labor, by performing their tasks at night. The days they filled with rejoicing. They gave mighty feasts to the newcomers, and took them to view the strongholds of the enemy and helped them to evade the laws of the senate. So attentive were they that sometimes they were the means of subjecting the strangers to the unmentionable punishment. The short intervals which the Greeks allowed the newcomers to devote to labor were spent by themselves in inter-tribal conflict. The slightest ground for an attack was seized with eagerness.

Naturally this continual feasting was acceptable to the strangers, and they thought they had come to a land of plenty. But soon many of them ceased to be pleasing to the Greeks. They were not good fighters themselves; they did not come of a martial family. Sometimes their uniforms were at fault. As soon as this had become apparent to a tribe, the stranger was taken to the edge of the cliff and dropped with a thud into the ranks of the plain dwellers below. The barbarians did not receive them gladly, for they knew that they did not come of their own will.

After a time the tribe decided which of the strangers they wished to be of their number, and either won them from the other tribes in mighty battle, or lost them irrevocably. Then each tribe had by night strange and mystic ceremonies, the

nature of which no man knows; and their new members built dwellings among them. As soon as this was accomplished each tribe brought out from its strongholds magical instruments of a curious sort. With them they looked at all the strangers who had fallen to other tribes, and straightway declared they were fit only for the plain. Then for a brief season, until the return of summer brought again the roving instinct into play, they lived in quietness; and the senate of elders ruled in peace.—*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

DANGERS TO FRATERNITIES IN SMALL COLLEGES.—There is a dual danger which threatens the life of Chapters in small colleges. The fact that large institutions are putting forth more energetic efforts to increase their enrollment, and are thus robbing the lesser schools of much of their best Fraternity timber, together with the establishment in small schools of a larger number of Fraternities than the present or prospective enrollment of those schools can hope to successfully perpetuate, lead to serious apprehension regarding the future of the Chapters thus effected. In such small schools as maintain a high standard of instruction there will continue to be a most excellent, although necessarily a restricted field, for Fraternity activity. How shall this desirable territory be occupied? Is it wise for a strong Fraternity to concede the field to a weaker one as soon as a multiplication of Chapters in a given school results in the division of the eligibles so that their influence and the high standard they would establish is submerged by the narrow ideas, and the surface of mediocrity which predominates? These are portentous questions, and the answer must be forthcoming in the years of the immediate future. Local considerations of more or less significance will add to the difficulty of deciding in any given case, but the general similarity of all cases will admit of the adoption of a fixed policy in the matter, and to determine what this policy shall be is the problem just ahead.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

THE SLOW BUT SURE MEN.—Do not neglect the men who failed to attract your attention the first time they were in college. Many of them would make good Phis. Every year men enter college who at first do not appear to be particularly brilliant, but who develop into excellent Fraternity material.

Therefore, be ever on the watch for developing talent. Do not rest satisfied because you initiated a good delegation last fall. Do not be content if there are any good men yet to be obtained. Do not wait too long in cultivating the acquaintance of non-Fraternity students, especially if rivalry is close, else good men may go off to other Fraternities. Constantly bear in mind how many members will graduate next Commencement, how many will fail to return next fall, and how many members there will be at the opening of the next collegiate year, making liberal allowance for those who will drop out of College unexpectedly. If your Chapter is first among the Fraternities at your College, don't take any chances of occupying third or fourth rank next year, on account of numerical weakness. Don't get careless. Don't be indifferent to men whom you were inclined to overlook at the opening of the rushing season. Watch them closely, for you will find probably that some of them are not so unprepossessing after all. Do not limit your Chapter membership by any arbitrary number. Maintain a high standard for admission, and be sure to preserve a homogeneous membership, but remember that a large Chapter is stronger and more influential than a small Chapter. Always keep wide awake for the interests of Phi Delta Theta, present and future, and lastly, don't get too conservative. Many a fine Chapter has been wrecked on the rock of ultra-conservation.—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.



EDITORIALS

EVERY Kappa Sigma should remember that the Conclave meets in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on December 28th, 29th, and 30th, and if it is within the range of possibility to be present and a participant in the event he should do so. To those who have in the past attended these biennial gatherings it will be a waste of words upon our part to urge the highly fraternal time, in every sense of the word, that a Conclave brings forth. They know and understand, and their presence is hopefully looked for. Those who have not as yet witnessed the joyous fraternal scenes which a Kappa Sigma Conclave causes to be in evidence among the brothers should not let the year 1898 pass without going to Chattanooga in the last week of December and gaining thereby an inspiration to continue fraternal activity. Elsewhere in this issue of *THE CADUCEUS* is an article on the Conclave, which will give every one an idea of how events will transpire and what we may look for from the good brothers of Tennessee. The Indianapolis Conclave set the pace for entertainments, and we are informed that at Chattanooga the treatment of the boys will be royal, and the whole scope of pleasures provided will be the equal of those at any gathering in the history of Kappa Sigma. Aside from all this the real and primary purpose of the Conclave—work—will be especially interesting to those brothers who take an interest

in the proper and progressive administration of the affairs of the Fraternity. Many measures of importance are to be introduced, and some legislation which will increase the effective work of the executive force of the Fraternity will be passed upon. Finally there will be brought up the proposed change in the method of granting charters, by giving to Chapters a veto power upon every petition. So it will be seen that those who are concerned for the welfare of Kappa Sigma can spend several very profitable days at Chattanooga on December 28th, 29th, and 30th, and in addition can have the keen enjoyment which such a concourse of brothers inevitably produces.

THE Supreme Executive Committee expects every Chapter to have its delegates duly elected and present with proper credentials at the opening session of the coming Conclave. There is no reason why any Chapter should be unrepresented, and with the ample notification all have received it is hardly to be supposed that at this late date there are delegates yet to be selected. If, however, any Chapter has so far failed in that important duty let it be performed at once, so that the delegate or delegates may have time to thoroughly prepare themselves as to the Chapter sentiment on all prospective legislation. In this connection there is another matter of extreme importance—the Chapter reports. It is only by a careful and complete Chapter report that the Conclave can judge of a Chapter's true condition, and for the good of the Fraternity it is essential that this condition be properly and fairly presented. Every brother who is in anywise familiar with the manner in which a Conclave acts knows that a very large part of the detailed legislation which is to guide the Supreme Executive Committee and control the chapters during the time intervening between Conclaves is enacted in accordance with recommendations and suggestions embodied in Chapter re-

ports. The necessity of these reports and their bearing upon the work of the Fraternity must therefore be evident to all, and we hope to hear a satisfactory one from every Chapter.

THE "rushing season" is now happily over, and from this time on to the close of the college year the selection of new members will be attended by fewer active and open contests for good men. It is during this coming period that we have always maintained that much of the best work for a Fraternity can be done. Amid the general activity that characterizes the opening weeks of college many good students, manly fellows who are quiet and even diffident in manner, are passed entirely by in the struggle to gain some men who have the faculty of making themselves known and heard, and creating a favorable impression in a short time. Most of these latter fellows turn out well, it is true, but how many exceptionally fine men for the Fraternity are neglected because they happen to be of the first named, unassuming class. The year of '98-'99 is no exception to the rule, and we are sure our Chapters can from now on to Commencement day do commendable work and secure worthy members by carefully looking after those quiet students, who, as Freshmen, are primarily engaged in their studies, but who when really known reveal traits of character that indicate manhood in its truest and best sense. Reputation is at times as different from character as darkness is from light. A young man may enter college with a reputation much in his favor. Friends may have preceded him and favorably spoken of him. Relatives may have graduated at his college and have written or spoken to fellow students in his interest. In the many ways known to college life that young man may be heralded as the sort of a fellow that every Fraternity would want. Too often such a man is vigorously "rushed," and is initiated by the successful Chap-

ter solely because of his reputation. That reputation many times is not sustained by his character, and as a result an unworthy member is allied with some Fraternity. Our Chapters cannot be too often cautioned to avoid such a pitfall. Take men into fraternal union and fellowship because they are worthy, and don't take them because of a reputation they may have, unless that reputation is of the very best, and is borne out by character of the highest type, and it is upon this ground that we say watch the quiet man who has entered college without reputation, good or bad, whose character will assert itself sooner or later in a positive manner, and who, if his character in all its traits is good, will be the kind of a man that any Fraternity should be proud of. Such a man has made his reputation by his character and before his graduation day that character will reflect credit upon his Fraternity.

WE notice that in the Fraternity clippings of one or two of the Fraternity magazines it is stated, that "Walter Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who killed a man at San Francisco, and who told the newspapers he was a member of Sigma Nu, is said, by *The Daily Californian*, to be a member of Kappa Sigma." Walter Willis Rosser was initiated by Kappa Chapter at Vanderbilt University some years ago, and this is doubtless the same man. With regard to the circumstances surrounding the killing we are not familiar, but from a newspaper report of the trial we learn that the act was committed while Rosser was under the influence of liquor that had been drugged. However that may be his act in announcing himself a Sigma Nu was absolutely indefensible, and we are glad of an opportunity to express our disavowal of any such conduct. Even though the statement was made to shield his Fraternity it was none the less improper and unmanly. The young man, we are informed, was a very worthy one when

initiated into Kappa Sigma, and we acknowledge his membership. His conduct will be carefully investigated and he will be properly dealt with.

THOSE who attended the Conclave at Indianapolis two years ago will remember James Darlington Hamlin, who gracefully made his attractive personality a factor in the deliberations. Those who missed that happy gathering will no doubt remember Bro. Hamlin's clever article, "Impressions of the Conclave," written for THE CADUCEUS of November, 1896. We can announce that this good brother will be the orator of the Conclave of 1898, and an address of engrossing interest may be confidently expected.



AMONG the editorials in *Beta Theta Pi* for October is one referring to the action of the recent convention of that Fraternity in resolving that the Sophomore society of Theta Nu Epsilon is within the prohibition of the Beta Constitution regarding membership in "similar" organizations. It seems that through some unfortunate error of form Beta Theta Pi has failed constitutionally to put Theta Nu Epsilon under the ban, but the editor says:

"We trust that if the alleged evils resulting from membership in Theta Nu Epsilon are found to continue, a proper constitutional prohibition against it will be enacted, if deemed necessary.

"We hope, however, that it will not be necessary. The resolution of the convention on the subject expresses the will of the Fraternity with sufficient clearness to avoid ambiguity, and the wish of the Fraternity should be promptly and unhesitatingly obeyed by our Chapters.

"The multiplication of class societies, and especially those of the chaptered variety, is fast becoming a nuisance, and Betas everywhere should, where possible, withdraw from them. Our Fraternity has a splendid history, an exceptional standing, an unblemished reputation. Membership in it should be a sufficient satisfaction of any undergraduate desire for Greek-letter distinction."

Thus it may be seen that, slowly but surely, the best of

the college Fraternities are forbidding their members to unite with such organizations as Theta Nu Epsilon. The students of Fraternity progress have become convinced that to have members in these societies reflects no credit upon any Fraternity.

THE September number of *The Theta Delta Chi Shield* comes to us full of Fraternity spirit, evidenced by entertaining biographical sketches of ten of the prominent Alumni of the Fraternity, among them John Hay, Secretary of State, and Señor Gorzalo De Quesada, the Cuban *charge d'affairs* in Washington.

Editor Holmes is a man of fertile resources in the field of Fraternity life. For several months he has been agitating the question whether or not a Greek Club in New York would be a good move. He is very much in favor of the idea, and we give his remarks in the September *Shield* as follows:

“Now before entering upon the argument let us examine the history of the University Club as a text. The conception of its organization was that New York might have a social organization where the graduates of all the colleges and universities might perpetuate the memories of their college days. It was started under the name of the Red Room Club, by Francis E. Kernochan, at his father's home, in 1862, and was mostly composed of Yale men. From this sprung the University Club by an act of incorporation, April 28th, 1865. It started in 1866 with 115 members, but from the very beginning was too small to prove a success. After a few years it shrunk to about 30 members. At a dinner in January, 1874, the club formally constituted itself a dining club and agreed to dine five times a year. After a time it was decided to open a regular club house, where its members might get all the social conveniences of a home life and the public conveniences of a hotel. Then the club began to boom and to-day is the largest and most influential club in this country.

“It is quite evident that all those who have responded failed to comprehend the direct proposition intended. There are two chief factors for consideration. The first is as to whether such a club as a social organization *per se* would be a success, and the second, whether a strictly business dining club, like the University Club, made up of Fraternity men, could be a success. Now our criticisms are all based upon the first idea, and are entirely in keeping with our views—but this is not the proposition we make. There is no pan-hellenistic question involved directly, although such a move would be very likely to develop a closer touch in the Greek world. The question to consider is, Are there enough Fraternity men in this country to support a first-class club, second only to the University, and afford its members just what those get who are members of the University. We believe that there are a host of Greeks waiting for just such a chance. Such a club would not at all interfere with the Theta Delta Chi Graduate Club now in existence. Probably there are not five members there who would be directly interested to join. Theta Delta Chi has a resident graduate membership in New York City of about 300, and at least four-fifths are not now members of the graduate club, neither will they hereafter be, because that club does not meet their needs. There are at least fifty or more of them, however, who would be likely to join the Greek club. The successful club in New York is the one where the resident business man can take his friends to dine, and entertain them. For non-resident members it is the place where they can go when in New York and get the hotel privileges with the addition of the home social feeling of ownership. Now, these two points are the success of any club. Such conveniences cannot be obtained at the small club. Things must be done on a larger scale. Now take up the social Greek idea. In this day the graduate Greek enjoys first and best men of his own Fraternity. Next to that he enjoys the member of any other college Fraternity because

there is a certain bond of general sympathy between them. So when he goes to the club he meets some one who is congenial—very likely his own, and if so he has a good time. The atmosphere being distinctively Greek—the traveling Greek would seek such a place at once, hoping to meet members of his own Fraternity. Now take the banquet privilege of the immense dining hall. As large a party could be dined there as at most of the great hotels. Why not have a banquet there as well as to go to a hotel? Make a business proposition of it. The club exists to do business. It would be just as retired as any hotel. Small Fraternity dinners could be conducted in the same way. Suppose there were 30 Theta Delta members, and they wished to have a supper occasionally. What interference would there be? As the club menu is run on a lower scale than the regular café of New York, the members could have a first-class dinner at a lower rate than they could secure elsewhere.

“We may have interjected too many ideas into our first article of what could be done. Lose sight of all those, and just consider the business proposition of a dining club, just as the University Club was obliged to before it could be made a success. If the project could be started on those lines all the other good things would follow as a matter of course. We have studied on the proposition in all its bearings, and fail to find any obstacle to the successful working of a club founded on those lines. It is not necessary to enter into working details at this juncture, but they can be laid out so as to prevent friction entirely. The older we grow the less we are disposed to take cognizance of the small thorns which seem to worry the undergraduate Greek continually. The Fraternity system has made great strides in the last twenty years, and it is but a question of a few years when such a project as we now suggest will be a foregone conclusion. It must come, and now is an opportune time to start such a move, when a great following could be secured from the old University Greek

members, who do not care to move further up town. Add to these a long list of those who are not strictly eligible to the University because they did not graduate, and you have the nucleus of a powerful Greek club. We hope to hear from members of other Fraternities on this subject. We feel that we have outlined a plain business proposition. Think of it as such, and consider the fraternal side as a component but not a main factor."

FROM the October number of *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta we clip the following bit of information:

"The 1896 convention of Beta Theta Pi sanctioned a dispensation for the Rutgers Chapter to initiate students in a neighboring institution, supposed to be Princeton, where anti-Fraternity laws have long prevailed. A majority of the Chapters in the district did not favor the project, and it was abandoned. It appeared from a letter in the *Beta Theta Pi*, some time since, that several other Fraternities represented at Rutgers have *sub rosa* Chapters in Princeton, which, however, are said not to be flourishing. The Princeton authorities are strangely inconsistent in prohibiting general Fraternities from placing Chapters there. The writer of an article about Princeton in *Scribner's Magazine* last year showed that the Caxton Club, and other social organizations, are conducted on the same plan as Chapters of Fraternities, except that they are local."

It is news to us that Chapters of any Fraternities are being run *sub rosa* at Princeton, and if such be the fact then the sooner those Fraternities cease the practice the better it will be for their standing. No college Fraternity with any pretension to conservatism and dignity can to-day afford to act in defiance of a well-known Faculty regulation opposed to the Fraternity system. The rule may be unwise and its originators narrow-minded in the extreme, but that can in no wise affect the position of the Fraternity that violates the rule.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

EPSILON.

CENTENARY COLLEGE, JACKSON, LA.

We will dispense with the usual sentence which has become synonymous with the opening of all institutions, and we dare not refer to those "joyous days of vacation, gone forever," yet "leaving a crystalline page in the memory of us all." We cannot summon up a sufficient amount of courage to tell you that "we are once again gathered under the classic shades of Centenary College." However, we are here—and for business.

Centenary had the best opening since the Civil war. This renowned institution, to which such men as President Jefferson Davis, Judah Benjamin, Murphy J. Foster, and others whose names have become famous, came to be educated, has entered upon a new era of prosperity.

Just at the time when all seemed to indicate the greatest prosperity "Yellow Jack," commonly known as yellow fever, made his appearance in our midst. He proved, as always, an unwelcome visitor and many fled from his presence. But as opportunity makes the hero, it took true heroic courage for the Faculty and a large number of the students to decide not to lose a day, but remain at their post of duty, trusting all things to Almighty God. By this means Centenary has achieved a record of no other college in any of the "infected regions."

Kappa Sigma returned three men—Bros. Zenor, Slaughter, and your scribe. These brothers faced all the danger and rendered help in the nursing of the sick and the burying of the dead.

This session we have brought three innocent "non-Greeks" within the * * * * *. All parties survived, however, and now three more are wearing the Crescent and Star who are worthy in every way. We take pleasure in introducing these brothers: W. S McKowen, of Lindsey, La., W. D. Kleinschmidt, of New Orleans, La., and L. H. Walker, of Crowley, La.

We look forward with great pleasure to the Conclave at Chattanooga. May it mark a new era in fraternitism and add new honor and glory to our beloved Order.

Yours in Kappa Sigma bonds,
ALBERT S. LUTZ.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1898.

ETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE, ASHLAND, VA.

Again I find myself called upon to perform the pleasurable duty of giving a report of the status of Eta. I never tire of doing this, for it is, indeed, a pleasure to speak to our brothers, through THE CADUCEUS, concerning the well-being of our Chapter. The Eta boys continue to take a Kappa Sigma interest in all things pertaining to the Fraternity in general, and to the Chapter in particular.

The event of chief interest to the men of this Chapter, lately, was the Thanksgiving game in Richmond, between Virginia and North Carolina. Eta had two representatives in the city that day. These were Bros. Hepburn and Leake. Kappa Sigmas held the town; everywhere was to be seen the Star and Crescent, the sign that drew many brothers together in warm and confidential friendship. And to the glory of Kappa, one of Bologna's loyal sons won for the white and blue the victory of the day.

Our Chapter expects to have a representative at the Con-

clave. This will be Bro. Fitz-Gerald. We feel that we always have a representative by proxy, at all the Conclaves, in Bro. H. M. Martin, for he is Eta's own man, and we believe that at the Conclaves and on all other occasions he will never fail to speak the good word for the Chapter which he loves, and by which he most assuredly is loved. But in Bro. Fitz-Gerald, who is a brother-in-law of Bro. Martin, we have an active representative, and we feel sure that no worthier man could be selected from Eta's band.

Here's to the Conclave! May it be the greatest in the history of Kappa Sigma, productive of good as well as of the warmest fraternal devotion!

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

J. D. HUGHLETT.

DECEMBER 5th, 1898.

KAPPA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

The arrival of THE CADUCEUS seemed to put new life into everything. May it come again at an early date! Of course we realize the many disadvantages under which our editors have been laboring, and feel that the blame should be placed where it is due—with us correspondents.

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me" all may yet be well, and we can easily make amends for past negligence by seeing to it that the future numbers of THE CADUCEUS may be on time, and also that every Chapter is well represented at the Conclave in Chattanooga.

Here's to Kappa Sigma and the Conclave: may they always thrive!

Speaking of the Conclave reminds me to say a few things on that subject. No man among us can afford to miss the

Conclave. Tennessee expects to have at least seventy-five men herself, because there are many Kappa Sigmas in Tennessee. Then the other Chapters situated near to Chattanooga will have large representations. Every arrangement for the royal entertainment of delegates is now being made, and no one need fear the Conclave will be a failure, for it will not. Of course "the more the merrier" will be applicable here too, but still it will be a success if only a few are present, for it is in hands that never allow of failure, and will have nothing but success.

In Kappa we have been busy preparing and planning for the Conclave and will have a large representation there to lend vigor and enthusiasm to all movements inaugurated for pleasure.

We have been using the goat very little this year, since our ranks have not seemed to need recruiting very much. We would like to introduce to you Bro. Dave Gray, of Chattanooga, and Bro. Spears, of Jasper, Tennessee. We will have two others to bring to the Conclave.

Bro. O'Connor is at present confined to his room with a wrenched knee, due to foot-ball. He has our sympathy. Bros. O'Connor and John Barber represented us on the grid-iron this year, and of course did Kappa proud.

Bro. Simmons is at present our only representative on the Glee Club, but since he is the star member perhaps he is enough.

While in Atlanta several weeks ago, Bros. O'Connor and Fullilove were fortunate enough to meet with several brothers from Alpha Tau Chapter, who treated them so cordially and so fraternally they desire to make acknowledgment to them, and thank them truly.

Come to Chattanooga!

Yours fraternally,

J. H. FULLILOVE, JR.

NOVEMBER 27th, 1898.

NU.**COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VA.**

Now that the season of rushing is practically over we think it becomes our just pride to look back with pleasure at the work accomplished in point of initiations. The * * * * * has more than once "on golden hinges turned," and as a result we beg leave to introduce, without discussion, the names of eight to whom we entrusted that due portion of her honor and reputation incumbent upon these new brothers. Their names (and we smile to mention them) are Tinsley, M. M., and Tinsley, S. W., Gloucester County; Barron, J. S., Warsaw, Va.; Spencer, J. B., Williamsburg, Va.; Wilkinson, W. J., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Pollard, J. B., King William County.

Nu has been the recipient of more than a due share of the honors this year. Bro. Grayson as manager of the foot-ball team and on the staff of the college magazine; Bro. Palmer and Bro. Barron "stars" on the aforementioned team, of which we make mention, Bro. Palmer was temporary Captain; your humble scribe was also granted a position on the magazine staff. As this completes this especial list it may not be amiss to call attention to the department technically known as "Calico," in which Bros. Wilkinson, Hornbaker, Lewis, and our esteemed "goats" easily excel.

We have been favored by visits from many of our honored and distinguished Alumni. Bro. Bright, one of our charter members, was with us a few weeks ago and, needless to say, we enjoyed his visit very much. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress Nu had made since his separation as an active member. Bro. Parrish, probably less distinguished, though none the less prominent, pays us frequent visits—whenever his pedagogical duties will permit. He being one of our most active members of last year his

visits are a source of great pleasure both to the old men and newly initiated of Nu. We cannot faithfully and completely fulfill this part of our duty in this letter without mentioning two more of these brothers, one of whom was here a week ago, and the other we are fortunate in having with us now. We refer respectively to Bros. Philip B. Jones and J. Lucian Stubbs, both of the Chapter of 97-'98. Though Bro. Jones arrived rather late in the rushing season, nevertheless he "did nobly" in "acting *his* part," forcibly reminding us that he had lost none of his old-time cunning. Bro. Stubbs, who is at present teaching in Northampton, we believe, will also cover himself with glory ere his departure from "ye ancient capital."

The news from September CADUCEUS regarding the probable attendance on the Conclave in December is indeed inspiring, and Nu hopes very much to be able to send a representative.

Hoping that it may be the fortune of the Fraternity to secure this attendance, we close, with best wishes and earnest hope for a successful and happy Conclave of Kappa Sigma.

Fraternally yours,

J. MUNFORD COLES.

NOVEMBER 27th, 1898.

XI.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

Your correspondent, in his previous letter, neglected to give the names of the officers which the Chapter has elected for this term. They are as follows: Bro. R. W. Huie, G. M.; Bro. G. C. Abernathy, G. P.; Bro. C. H. Orto, G. M. C.; Bro. C. Sellars, G. T.; Bro. W. D. Gray, G. S.

Bro. A. V. Smith, '98, was married to Miss Allie Simons November 6th, at the Presbyterian Church in this town. Miss Simons is a member of the Chi Omega, a local sorority, and

on the night before Thanksgiving a jolly crowd of Kappa Sigmas and Chi Omegas took the train to Springdale, a neighboring town, where Bro. Smith is Principal of the High School, and gave the bride and groom a surprise party.

As I prophesied, Bro. R. W. Huie has been appointed Senior Major, and many of the other brothers have received promotions.

Bro. Taylor, D. W., has been appointed First Lieutenant and Adjutant, and Bros. Trimble, T. C., Abernathy, and Orto are also Lieutenants.

Since our last Chapter letter we have initiated three good and true men. They are Bro. Harvey Hogg, 1902, Pine Bluff; Bro. R. B. Barton, 1902, Mound City, and Bro. D. L. Gray, 1902, Little Rock. Besides we have pledged Mr. Matthew Banks, 1903, Little Rock.

With the warmest of brotherly love for all in the Bonds,

WILLIAM D. GRAY.

NOVEMBER 29th, 1898.

PI.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PA.

It is with great pleasure I take up my new duty of correspondent of THE CADUCEUS. Although Pi's letter was missing in the last number we hope that it will not happen soon again.

Although we returned with only three men this fall we were not discouraged, but set about finding new men worthy to wear the Star and Crescent, and as partial result of our labors, we beg leave to introduce to our brothers at large, Mr. Nathan Haines Mannakee, of Washington, D. C., as a new brother. We have several other good men pledged, and hope to have them before long. Bro. Farquhar is again capturing a winning foot-ball team this year, having lost only

one game out of nine, to Bucknell University. Bro. Bond was elected President of the Senior Class. At the Chapter elections the following were elected: G. M., Bro. Bond; G. M. C., Bro. Lightfoot; G. P., Bro. Mannakee; G. S. Bro. Farquhar.

T. ELWOOD LIGHTFOOT.

NOVEMBER 9th, 1898.

TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Again comes the call for a Chapter letter from Tau, and in answering this call I am somewhat at a loss to know just what to write that will be of any interest to our other Chapters of Kappa Sigma. One thing, however, that I may speak of is the way in which we have gotten a move on us and repaired the fearful loss of old men. Out of last year's Chapter of twenty men only five returned this year, so as a matter of fact, when these few remaining brothers of old Tau gather together, at the first of the year, the outlook seemed very gloomy, but with the assistance of our five professors and our many faithful Alumni who live in Austin, things were soon livened up, and as a result Tau Chapter now stands as strong as she ever stood and feels none the worse for her great loss. We have at present sixteen active members, nine of these being this year's initiates. Six of these initiates were introduced in my last letter, and in this letter I wish to present the names of the three remaining worthy Kappa Sigmas: Bros. J. Hutcheson, L. Bethea, and C. Bethea, and say that all of them have proven themselves deserving of the honor we have reposed in them. In addition to the five old men and the nine initiates we have two transfers from Iota Chapter: Bros. Sneed and Bryan, whom we gladly welcome into our circle.

We have only two men in our Chapter who were in the

army. These were Chas. Leavell, and C. Bethea. They were in Company L of the First Texas Volunteers, and spent the summer fighting—mosquitoes in Florida. Leavell was a Corporal and Bethea a private. These two names I gladly send as active members, and in addition I wish to hand in the names of P. H. Traylor, who is a student in the Medical Department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, and Bro. John Terrell, of Fort Worth, who is an Alumnus of this Chapter. Bro. Taylor held the rank of Surgeon in the Fourth Texas, and Bro. Terrell, that of Second Lieutenant in the Second Texas.

The foot-ball season, with us, closed on Thanksgiving day, and it is the opinion of every one that with it disbanded the best team that the University of Texas ever lined up. Our '98 team has played a series of six match games, and the boys from Sewanee were the only ones who succeeded in touching the pig-skin behind our goal line. Sewanee beat us 4—0, and this is the only game we lost, and the only one in which we were scored on. The reason why Kappa Sigma is especially proud of this team is because Tau Chapter had five men on it who played regular positions. They were L. Bethea, right tackle; J. H. Hart, left tackle; C. Bethea, right half-back; Chas. Leavell, left half-back, and S. J. Hogsett, quarter-back. In addition to this honor Bro. James H. Hart was elected Captain for next year.

Since fall athletics are over the majority of the students are spending their time "cramming" for examinations and talking about what they are going to do during the Christmas holidays. That time is not far off, so I will close my letter by saying that I wish each and every Kappa Sigma a good old time during Christmas, and hope that we will all return to our colleges and universities much refreshed and ready to make good results for the new year '99.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

NOVEMBER 28th, 1898.

SAM J. HOGSETT.

UPSILON.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA.

The bright hopes with which Upsilon entered upon the present session have rapidly developed into realities, and she is constrained to believe that dame Fortune has favored her with a bright and sunny smile. Thus far not a single cloud has appeared to mar her perfect sky of happiness, and each day's sailing over her calm sea has unveiled fresh landmarks assuring a happy and successful voyage.

The nine brothers who compose Upsilon this year have been constantly alive and active to her interests, and it gives us great pleasure to enumerate the honors borne off thus far by each one. The college foot-ball team this season was thought by many to have been the best one that Hampden-Sidney has ever produced; and we consider this but a just estimate, since the team did not lose a single game during the whole season. As representatives on it we had Bro. Caldwell, A. S., full-back; Bro. Osbourne, left tackle, and Bro. Kemper, right guard, while Bros. Booker and Cole, L. D., were substitutes. These brothers acquitted themselves most creditably in every game, and retained their hard-earned positions over many competitors by persistent and diligent training.

Just here we desire to express our appreciation of the conspicuous kindness shown our representatives on the foot-ball team by the members of Eta, when they were in Ashland to meet the team of Randolph-Macon. We look forward to a time when we shall be able to return in full measure the hospitable welcome which they received.

But we must hasten to enumerate our other honors. Bro. H. W. Cole, Jr., is Manager and Instructor of the College Glee Club, as well as a member of the *Annual* staff; Bro. Caldwell, E. C., is one of the two Fellows of the College, Instructor in the gymnasium, Literary Editor of the College maga-

zine, and a member of the *Annual* staff; Bro. Caldwell, A. S., is also a member of the *Annual* staff and Assistant Instructor in the gymnasium; Bro. Kinnier is Assistant Business Manager of the College magazine, and a member of the *Annual* staff; Bro. Richardson is a member of the College Orchestra, and will represent the Philanthropic Literary Society as one of the two Junior orators, at the coming intermediate celebration to be held on February 22d, 1899.

Thus each member of Upsilon has carried off honors, and together they have represented her in all lines of college life. We look forward with much pleasure to the coming Conclave, and hope to be represented there by one of our little band. With a bright future before us, and extending our best wishes to all wearers of the Star and Crescent, I am,

Fraternally yours,

E. H. RICHARDSON.

NOVEMBER 28th, 1898.

PHI.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY,
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

We are looking forward with high expectations to the Conclave which will have convened before another letter is due from us. Phi expects to be well represented both by active and Alumni members.

The S. W. P. U. foot-ball team has been doing some very good work this season. On November 11th we won a game over the South Kentucky College by the score of 5—0. We had the pleasure of meeting with Bro. J. P. B. Allen, of Rho, who accompanied the Kentucky team.

On the evening of October 22d our hall was again arrayed for the reception of another brother into the mystic bonds of Kappa Sigma, and it gives us great pleasure to introduce to

the Fraternity, Bro. John Oscar Oates, 1901, of Russellville, Ark. He has already become a staunch member and believes it is a good thing, most assuredly, to be one of the elect.

Bro. Bristow Gray is this year filling the position of one of the editors of the College magazine. This brother adds no little to the pleasure and enjoyment of our Chapter life by his delightful personality.

We are pleased to have as a regular visitor at our meetings, Bro. Garnett Duncan, Theta, '98, who is now practicing law in Clarksville.

With best wishes for Kappa Sigmas everywhere, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE R. REA.

NOVEMBER 28th, 1898.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, ME.

When we wrote our last letter college had scarcely opened, and we were not in a position to make a report, but now we can let the Fraternity hear what we have been doing.

When the old men came back at the beginning of this term they immediately set about placing Kappa Sigma in her proper position in the College. They have done well. We have initiated Bros. G. A. Hersey, 1900, and H. M. Carr, A. R. Davis, L. F. Livermore, J. C. Warren, A. M. Watson, and R. H. Smith, all of 1902. We are confident that these are all men of the type that Kappa Sigma wants on her rolls.

Since the last issue all of our boys who had enlisted have been honorably discharged from the army. We are glad to see them back in their old capacities. This makes the Chapter roll complete with twenty-eight members.

On November 18th Psi gave a whist party and dance in

her Chapter-house. All reported a very pleasant time, and it will probably be repeated soon.

Hoping that we may have the best Conclave in our history, I remain

Yours in the Order,

W. H. RASTALL.

NOVEMBER 20th, 1898.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, MD.

The Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and the brothers are enthusiastic over the work. It would be difficult to find another score of young men whose tastes are so congenial and whose aims so closely allied as are those of our members. The majority of the brothers will graduate this year, and we are carefully and conscientiously selecting Freshmen and intermediates who will continue the good work after we leave the school. Many of us are residents of the city, and we will thus be in a position to keep an eye on the Chapter in years to come. The brothers have repeatedly felt the need of a song-book, and the efforts of the song-book editors to bring their work to a completion meets with our hearty approval. In order to help the good cause along some of Alpha-Alpha's members have undertaken to indite a few verses, and will submit their compositions to the song-book editors.

We have recently enjoyed visits from Kappa Sigmas in other educational institutions, and we extend to all our brothers a hearty invitation to visit us when they come to Baltimore. We take this opportunity to introduce to the Kappa Sigma world our recent initiates, Bros. Garnett Yelverton Clark and Charles Selden, Jr., both of Baltimore.

A delegate from Alpha-Alpha will be present at the Con-

clave, and several brothers have expressed their intention to attend the gathering, as individual members.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

WILLIAM MILNES MALOY.

NOVEMBER 28th, 1898.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

As the Scribe has asked me to write Alpha-Gamma's letter for the December CADUCEUS, and as I have consented to do so, perhaps I had better be about it or it will be too late for this number, and Alpha-Gamma has been negligent enough about this matter without my making it worse.

Illinois opened this year with an increased attendance, a characteristic of this school for the past five or six years. Among those returning were a goodly number of loyal Kappa Sigmas, and Alpha-Gamma began another year with something like twelve active members. Since College opened we have found three men whom we considered worthy to wear the Star and Crescent. Two of these men have been initiated, and I am glad to be able to introduce to all Kappa Sigmas Bros. Coffman and Thomas.

Alpha-Gamma does not attempt to take in all the men wanted at the beginning of the year, but believes in watching, and when a man shows himself worthy, goes after him.

Foot-ball has taken a great deal of our attention this fall, and although Illinois was very fortunate in having an almost entirely new team this year yet she finished the season in a very creditable manner, winning the Thanksgiving game against Minnesota by a score of 11—10, after having played one of the hardest games played in the West, the Saturday before—the game with the Carlisle Indians, they only winning by a score of 11—0.

To Bro. Huff, head coach, and Bro. Baum, one of his assistants, a great part of the credit is due for the excellent showing the team finally made after the coaching began to show.

Alpha-Gamma had two men on this year's 'Varsity, Wilmarth at quarter, and Martin at end. Wilmarth was on last year's team, and this year has shown himself to be one of the best quarters in the West. Martin was in the game for the first time this year.

The time is drawing near when all Kappa Sigmas will be turning their faces towards Chattanooga, and we expect quite a number of our men to be down there and help the good cause along. Certainly every loyal Kappa Sigma who can possibly arrange to be at the Conclave should do so, and help make it the largest, as well as the best, that Kappa Sigma has ever known.

Alpha-Gamma sends greeting to all Kappa Sigmas, and hopes that many of them will be able to pull her latch string, which is always out, during the coming months.

Yours fraternally,

WALTER B. RILEY, Acting Scribe.

NOVEMBER 26th, 1898.

ALPHA-DELTA.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

We have just enjoyed a brief vacation, and it seems a little hard to get back into the monotonous rut of college life again.

We were all deeply grieved to hear of the death of Bro. Collins, of Alpha Phi, who was killed by the train which took the Bucknell aggregation home after their annual foot-ball game with us. Besides being a loyal Kappa Sigma Bro. Col-

lins was a personal acquaintance of most of the members of our Chapter, which makes his loss very keenly felt.

Most of the members of our Chapter went home to spend their Thanksgiving vacation, but those who remained had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. Hayward and wife, Bro. McDonald, and Mrs. William Foster, at our Thanksgiving dinner.

Bro. Tustin just returned from Pittsburg, where he met many of that Alumni Chapter.

Bro. Boyd, who did not return this year, is employed as chemist in the Carnegie Chemical Works, in Pittsburg.

The chief social event which has taken place this year was the annual Thanksgiving Assembly.

Since our last letter we have added another brother to our number—D. X. Golden, 1902, of Bradford, Pa. And we take this opportunity of presenting him to the Fraternity.

Bro. Shoffstall, who has been in the University Hospital at Philadelphia for several weeks, is again with us.

We are all proud of the record of our foot-ball team for this season. The team defeated the leading colleges in the State, and now stands second only to the University of Pennsylvania. Our record is not confined to this State, however, as Princeton scored but five points on us, which is the smallest number of points they scored in a game this year.

The foot-ball season being over attention has been now turned toward basket-ball. A schedule of games has been arranged with Cornell, Bucknell, and several other teams. We are represented on the team by Bro Lockwood.

Bro. Haehnlen reports a pleasant visit to Alpha-Epsilon.

With best wishes to wearers of the Star and Crescent, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT M. SALLADA.

DECEMBER 1st, 1898.

ALPHA-THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENN.

Alpha-Theta takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Bro. Z. Calvin Graves, of Memphis, Tenn. Bro. Graves is one of the best men in school this year, and is quite a valuable addition to us.

With the four new initiates of this year, six old men returned, and represented by the two best members of the Faculty, Alpha-Theta bids fair to outshine, as she has always done, the other Fraternities.

We have secured the handsomest suite of rooms in the city, and are now preparing to open the holidays with a social session, in which talks will be made by some of our brothers upon the objects of Fraternities, history of the Chapter, etc., followed by that which "tickles the appetite."

Alpha-Theta is well represented in the army: of last year's Chapter there were four who enlisted. Our former Chapter Correspondent, G. L. Burke, is with the First Tennessee, in the Philippines. Buck and Cox are with the Second Tennessee, now stationed at Columbia.

We congratulate all the Chapters upon the excellent work they have done, and also the new brothers who knew a good thing.

With best wishes to all, I am,

Yours for the Crescent and Star,

NOVEMBER 22d, 1898.

B. LETCHER ANDERSON.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

The routine of college work has settled down upon us, and each is busied with his own affairs. No lack of interest in

the Fraternity, however, is found among the members. Every one is alive to its success in all lines. In one direction, that of obtaining new members, we have been especially fortunate, and are glad to report as initiates since the last letter: Guy E. Long, 1902, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Daniel S. Bellinger, 1902, Law, North Tonawanda, N. Y., and John F. Fairbairn, 1902, Buffalo, N. Y. In addition to these we shall soon be able to report several more who are now pledged.

Upon the athletic field the Chapter is well represented, not so much in quantity as in quality. Hewitt, 1901, has devoted himself to foot-ball, and Berry, who this fall, for the first time, has taken part in cross-country running, has achieved remarkable success, not only obtaining a position on the University team, but winning third place in the race against the University of Pennsylvania team, on November 19th, and fourth place in the N. Y. A. C. National Amateur meet on Thanksgiving day, five days later.

Alpha-Kappa representatives in the late war, so far as we can learn, are: Frederick C. Neilson, Ass't Eng., U. S. N., U. S. Repair Ship "Vulcan;" G. Warren Rulison, Corporal, Thirty-first Sep. Co. Vol., Second Reg., N. Y.; Harold P. Goodnow, Second Lieutenant, Art. (Fort Adams, R. I., and Walter O. Beyer, Corporal, Co. G, Sixty-fifth Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf. The last named, Beyer, is with us, although his attendance upon his University work has been somewhat checkered owing to his being repeatedly called away to attend upon regimental formalities.

Passing from the conquests of war, for such we regard the official positions held by our members, to the conquests of peace, we mention the marriage of one of our last year's graduates, H. W. Jeffers, '98, now of Plainsboro, N. J., and Miss Adams.

As the Chapter is in a flourishing condition we expect to be represented at the coming Conclave by one or more men. We feel sure that the benefit always to be derived from

such a gathering of Kappa Sigmas will be felt as well by ourselves as by them.

With best wishes for all our Chapters, I am,

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. GLENN.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1898.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VT.

Alpha-Lambda has made a good start in this year's work, and is full of hope and courage for the future.

We have pursued a careful and conservative policy in pledging new members, making sure that every man was of good report and well recommended, and in every way worthy to wear the badge. As a result, on November 16th, we admitted to our mystic union seven as fine men as Kappa Sigma could wish; men who will maintain our previous high standard in character, scholarship, and fellowship. These new brothers, whom Alpha-Lambda has the honor of introducing to Kappa Sigmas generally, are: Walter Wallace Tyler, of Burlington, 1900; Frank Goodspeed Taylor, of East Poultney, Vt.; John Wilson Church, of Bellows Falls, Vt.; Robert Maynard Sears, of Plainfield, Mass.; Charles Hugh Waddell, of Johnsbury, N. Y.; William Eli Putnam, of Springfield, Vt., and George Edward Partridge, of Bennington, Vt., all of the Freshman Class.

On the evening of the 19th we held our annual banquet. Following is the list of toasts: Toast-master, John S. Fort; "The Tie That Binds," Frank F. Finney; "Alpha-Lambda," Dr. Carl Fisher; "Hunting," Jesse W. Tobey; "Foot-ball," Aaron H. Crout; "Kappa Sigma," Fred. M. Small; "Old Billy," Frank G. Taylor; "Our Sisters," Warren R. Austin:

"Our Future," Samuel C. Dunlop; "The Ariel," Walter W. Tyler; "Our Brothers," Allan W. Kingsland.

Alpha-Lambda, as usual, is coming in for her share of this year's honors. Bro. Tyler is Editor-in-Chief of the *Ariel*, the College annual, published by the Junior Class, and Bro. Tobey is also on the staff. In the University Battalion Bros. Richmond and Finney are Captains, and Bro. Dunlop is a Lieutenant, while Bro. Austin is leader of the Band, with the rank of Captain. Bro. C. Partridge is Color Sergeant, and Bros. Tracy and Byington are Sergeants. Bro. Tobey is Drum-Major of the Band, with the rank of Sergeant. Bros. Smalley and Crout are the ranking Corporals.

Bros. Austin, Tracy, and Taylor are members of the Conference Committee, a joint committee of students and Faculty to confer in regard to all differences between the Faculty and the student body. Bro. Austin is also President of the French Club. We have one man, Bro. Crout, on the Glee Club, and another, Bro. Church, on the Mandolin Club.

In athletics we do not fall behind. Bro. Byington played left tackle, and Bro. Waddell, left guard, on the foot-ball team. Bro. Richmond is Manager of the base-ball team.

Although we cannot all be present at the Conclave, we should all like to, and we take a deep interest in the questions to be discussed next month at Chattanooga.

On Thanksgiving Day the Vermont Beta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi was founded here with thirteen Charter members.

We are pleased to welcome this addition to the already long list of Fraternities at Vermont, and trust that its successful entry into the Greek world is but indicative of continued prosperity in the future.

There are two other sororities here, but perhaps a list of all the Fraternities will be interesting. They are: Lambda Iota (local), Sigma Phi, Delta Psi (local), Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Delta Delta Delta, Sigma Nu, and Pi Beta Phi. There are also

three Medical societies: Delta Mu (local), Phi Chi (local), and Alpha Kappa Kappa, and a Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

With best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, and especially a cordial greeting to the new men throughout the Fraternity, I am,

Yours in the bonds,

ALLAN W. KINGSLAND.

NOVEMBER 29th, 1898.

ALPHA-MU.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

At the opening of the new year seven (7) loyal brothers were found here ready to enter into the friendly battle with the rest of the Greek world: Bros. Woodward, Collins, Swindell, and Copeland, Delta, together with Bros. Morrison, Delta, '99; McAllister, Delta, '99, and Rose, Delta, 1900. Bros. Morrison and McAllister have entered the Law Class, while Bro. Rose, the Class of 1900.

We recently had a very pleasant visit from Bro. Thompson, who is at present carrying on a prosperous law practice in Charlotte, N. C.

In the recent games for the Southern championship on the gridiron Bro. Copeland has taken off many of the laurels as a half-back. Bro. Woodward is playing an important part in the Dramatic Club.

At a recent election the following officers were elected: Bros. Rose, G. M.; Woodward, G. M. C.; Copeland, G. P.; Morrison, G. T.; Swindell, G. S., and Collins, G.

Wishing a prosperous year to all Chapters, I am,

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

CHAS. G. ROSE.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1898.

ALPHA-NU.

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Our last letter to THE CADUCEUS was written during the summer, and consequently had not much news, but since then we have returned to College and to our new Chapter-house to begin a new year's work.

Alpha-Nu returned eight old men this year, which gives us a very good number with which to work, and since College opened we have not been idle at all, but have succeeded in conducting safely through the * * * * * into the mystic bonds of our union five most deserving young men.

It gives me pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity Samuel Tucker Lanham, Belton Allen Bennett, Herbert Glenn Eidson, Kendree Littlejohn, and David Duncan Wannamaker. All of these young brothers bid fair to make for themselves a brilliant record in College, and to reflect honor on Kappa Sigma.

The two Literary societies of the College are to hold an open session on the 2d of December, and have elected debaters and orators for the occasion. Bros. Hall and Wiggins, L. E., will represent Kappa Sigma.

We hope to be able to send a delegate to the approaching Conclave at Chattanooga, and are looking forward to the event with interest.

Two of our last year's Alumni are teaching: Bro. Bennett is Principal of the High School at Oakhurst, S. C., and Bro. Dantzler, Principal of the school at Prosperity, S. C.

Bro. Leonard, '98, is pursuing a course in medicine at the University of Maryland. He stopped over a little while with us on his way there.

We feel sure that each of our last year's Alumni will make a success in whatever occupation they pursue, and will ever do honor to Kappa Sigma.

With best wishes for Kappa Sigma's welfare, I am,

NOVEMBER 18th, 1898.

LEM E. WIGGINS.

ALPHA-OMICRON.**KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, KY.**

Alpha-Omicron opened at the beginning of this session with seven old members. Each of the members reported a pleasant time during the summer, and all seem to be more enthusiastic than ever.

We take pleasure in introducing to our brothers at large, Bro. Meek and Bro. Russell, whom we initiated not long since. We also have another man who has promised to unite with us in the bonds of Kappa Sigma, whom we will initiate and present in a short time.

At our first meeting, which was held in the rooms we occupied last year, we decided to change our quarters, and having secured a suite of rooms in a very desirable portion of the city, we at once set to work to raise funds to furnish them in a suitable manner. Each of the members contributed very liberally, and we have furnished our rooms elegantly, and wish to say to all our brothers that the doors of Alpha-Omicron are always open to the children of her sister Chapters.

The prospects for Alpha-Omicron were never so pleasing as at the present time. We have now the largest Chapter in school, as regards quantity, and, we think, the best as regards quality. Every member feels that it is his fraternal duty to raise Kappa Sigma in the estimation of his fellow-students, and this being the case it is no wonder that our concentrated efforts tell on the student body.

Soon after the members return from their Thanksgiving vacation we intend to give a banquet, in order that our new members may become better acquainted with our Kappa Sigma sisters.

We found among the soldiers who were encamped here at Camp Hamilton Bro. Green and Bro. Combs, who were in the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Regiment. They

met with us several times, and helped in the initiation of our new members. We were glad to have them with us.

Bro. Gaines, the Manager of our foot-ball team, has returned to school, after a siege of sickness.

Hoping that as much interest is manifested in every Chapter as in Alpha-Omicron, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

GUY HECKEL.

NOVEMBER 21st, 1898.

ALPHA-PI.

WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

Since the last letter Alpha-Pi has lost one member, and gained another. The resignation of Mr. A. J. Carter, which was so ably commented upon in the last number of THE CADUCEUS, was accepted, and he is now a member of Beta Theta Pi. All the brothers feel as though the Chapter had been strengthened, rather than weakened, by Carter's exit from the portals of Kappa Sigma.

We are happy to announce that Charles Henry Glover, 1902, of Norwalk, Conn., was received into the bonds of Kappa Sigma on November 19th, and is now proudly wearing the Star and Crescent. We are also pleased to state that we have pledged Mr. Harry Eller, of Crawfordsville, Ind., who is a splendid young man, and well worthy to wear the badge of Kappa Sigma.

Quite a number of Wabash students witnessed the Purdue—Indiana University foot-ball game on November 12th, among whom were four from Alpha-Pi. While in Lafayette we had the pleasure of meeting all the brothers of Chi Chapter, and Bro. Hadden, of the Chicago Athletic Association, who refereed the game.

Bro. Felix H. Willis, of Enfield, Illinois, one of our charter members, has been with us this week.

Hoping we shall have a successful Conclave next month, and with best wishes to all Kappa Sigmas, I am,

Yours fraternally,

H. A. BEVIS.

NOVEMBER 28th, 1898.

ALPHA-RHO.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

Bro. Martin's letter has arrived, and I hasten to respond.

Every member of Alpha-Rho feels highly gratified at the progress of the Chapter. Every year seems to place us in a better position, and to raise our standing higher among the older Fraternities of Bowdoin.

I wish to introduce to the Kappa Sigma world eight new brothers, as good as any who ever wore the Star and Crescent: Burton Melville Clough, 1900; George Bicknell Colesworthy, 1900; Benjamin Edward Kelley, 1902; Frank Edward Hoyt, 1902; William Saberee Flye, 1902; Richard Bryant Dole, 1902; Ernest Woodbury Files, 1902; Ernest Bertrand Folsom, 1902.

The initiation passed off very successfully. The new men show a zeal for Kappa Sigma which is very gratifying.

Bowdoin closes her foot-ball season on the 24th at Portland. The season has been highly successful. It is pleasant to note the work of Bros. Albee and Cloudman on the team. Bro. Albee played a star game at tackle; Bro. Cloudman was taken from his old position in the line and has made a brilliant record as half-back. Bro. Kelley played on his Class team;

foot-ball men claim that he is of 'Varsity stuff, and will make the team next year.

All of our members are in college except Bro. Willey, whom I mentioned in my last letter as having decided to stay out this year. The attendance at Chapter meetings is very good.

We have been visited by Bros. Gribben and Dole, of '97; Hamlin and Lane, of '98. We cannot see too much of our Alumni brethren.

I trust I have omitted nothing of importance, if so, I will make it good another time.

Yours fraternally,

ELBERT B. HOLMES.

NOVEMBER 21st, 1898.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE, JACKSON, MISS.

This year, as last, the opening of our school was postponed on account of yellow fever in our State. This has reduced the number of students somewhat from what was naturally expected, but still the attendance is gratifying.

Our Chapter returned eight men, all of them full of the spirit of Kappa Sigma, and we have reason to believe that this will be one of the most prosperous years of its history. We have initiated five men so far this session, and have under consideration some others. We are proud of our new members. Never a Fraternity had more enthusiastic and faithful working initiates. They are of the sort that gives a Chapter a prominent place in College and social life, and a Fraternity high standing in the Greek world. For these reasons it is with peculiar pleasure that I introduce Bros. Walter Brooke Burwell, Ebenezer, Miss.; Harvey Thompson Mounger,

Vicksburg, Miss.; Henry Lafayette Clark, Yazoo City, Miss.; Anselm Joseph McLaurin, Jr., Jackson, Miss.; George Rousseaux Thompson, New Orleans, La.

The approaching Conclave is being looked forward to by our Chapter. We shall probably be represented by more than one man. The time is propitious. During the holidays no time will be lost from the all-important college work, and it will be a pleasant holiday journey for those who attend. We do not lose sight of the fact, though, that it is not a gathering for pleasure only. As our law-making body, it has work before it which will tell on our future. Internal development must be provided for—a close union of the Chapters and a clear conception of the workings of the Order. Faith in ourselves must be founded on an intelligent idea of our own possibilities; and an understanding of the objects of our organization and of the means used to accomplish them is essential to the highest degree of success.

We are anxious to see the September number of **THE CADUCEUS**, and the announcement of its immediate issue has been received with pleasure.

If the example of some of our Alumni in continuing their subscription to **THE CADUCEUS** were followed by all, one question that confronts Fraternities would be disposed of—how to keep the Alumni interested. Let them keep posted as to what is being done and they will never lose interest.

The last election of our Chapter resulted as follows:

S. L. Burwell, G. M.; J. T. Lewis, G. M. C.; L. F. Magruder, G. P.; J. A. Sproles, G. S.; H. T. Carley, Correspondent to **THE CADUCEUS**.

With a cordial greeting to all the new men, I am,

Fraternally,

H. T. CARLEY.

NOVEMBER 23d, 1898.

ALPHA-PHI.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, LEWISBURG, PA.

But little of interest has transpired in the University since our last letter. The foot-ball season just closed was not the most glorious in Bucknell's history, nor yet one of which she need feel ashamed. For the first time in her history Alpha-Phi was not represented on the team. Bro. Jenkinson was last year elected Captain, but did not return, entering Dickinson instead, on whose team he distinguished himself at the position of end. We noted with pride Bro. Jennings' fine playing during the past season as centre on the crack Duquesne Athletic Club team.

We were glad to form the acquaintance of Bros. Farquhar and Vaughan, of Swarthmore, when we played their team.

Bro. Koons was lately mustered out of the Twelfth Regiment, Penna. Vol. Inf., and has now entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan.

On November 6th we were called upon to mourn the death of Bro. Collins, an account of whose death will be found elsewhere in THE CADUCEUS. Bro. Collins was one of our charter members, and was the most popular fellow in college. The Chapter attended the funeral in a body, and acted as pallbearers. Bros. Dans, '96, and Gilpin, '98, were also present.

Bro. Paullin, '95, has accepted a call to the pastorate of a church at Cedarville, N. J.

Hoping that the coming Conclave may be the most successful one in Kappa Sigma's history, and with best wishes to all wearers of the Star and Crescent, I am,

Fraternally,

OLIVER J. DECKER.

NOVEMBER 25th, 1898.

ALPHA-CHI.

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, LAKE FOREST, ILL.

I have to report this Chapter of Kappa Sigma in a most prosperous and flourishing condition, and our prospects are even brighter still.

We are making our motto "quality, not quantity," and are living up to it very closely. In fact, we already have a name and reputation here of being very exclusive, and we believe this is a condition of affairs to be desired by a Fraternity Chapter, for in a Chapter of that kind the prospective member seeks the Chapter, rather than the Chapter seeking the prospective member.

Under this system of exclusiveness we have obtained one of the most harmonious and thoroughly congenial Chapters that it has ever been my good fortune to come in contact with.

In the late war with Spain we had only one brother from the Chapter actively engaged—Bro. Scouller, who is a Sergeant in Co. F, Third Illinois. He responded to the first call of his country, and went with his regiment to Chickamauga, Ga., where after several months of heavy drill and severe camp service, he succumbed to that dread disease, typhoid malarial fever, and for seven weeks hovered between life and death. Although his case was one of the most desperate, the tender nursing of his father and mother, and the kind attention of the Red Cross nurses and army surgeons in the Leiter Hospital, restored him to health sufficiently to enable him to return home on a furlough, where he soon recovered his strength, and now seems to feel no effects of his terrible experience, for he was one of the best men on our foot-ball team this fall. As he belongs to the Third Illinois he may have to leave school again to return with his regiment to Porto Rico

to do garrison duty. We sincerely hope this will not happen.

Our Chapter was well represented in the athletics of the school this fall as the Manager and Assistant Manager of the foot-ball team, the centre, two tackles, and one guard were Kappa Sigmas.

Of the Kappa Sigs who were here last year, Bro. Miller is filling a responsible position in the Metropolitan National Bank in Chicago, and Bro. Graff has a fine position with the Merchants National Bank of Chicago; Bro. Hanson is in partnership with his father, who is engaged in the manufacture of signs, in Chicago; Bro. Loran has a government position, and is located at his home in Clarinda, Iowa; Bro. Stoops, who graduated here some years ago, is Principal of the High Schools of Libertyville, Illinois.

We had a pleasant call a few days ago from Bro. Randolph, formerly of Wabash College and now a Professor in the Illinois State University at Champaign. Bro. Randolph was one of the men who founded this Chapter here, and we were especially glad to welcome him upon our campus.

We intend to send a delegate to Chattanooga, in December, and hope that the Conclave will be the most successful ever held.

Since last reporting initiates in THE CADUCEUS we have added to our number, Christian Fred. Carstens, 1902, Ackley, Iowa; Gerald Gilbert Graff, 1902, Clarinda, Iowa, and William Bernhardt Fehring, 1902, Virginia City, Mont., bringing our present active membership up to ten.

Wishing you all a most successful and happy year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

E. G. BANTA.

NOVEMBER 25th, 1898.

ALPHA-PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB.

Since our last letter appeared in THE CADUCEUS we have initiated Scott J. Garrontte and William H. King, both of Lincoln, and Raymond Kingsbury, of Ohio, this State, and we take very great pride in introducing these men to all Kappa Sigmas. Brothers Garrontte and King are well known in the city, and Bro. Kingsbury has made an enviable reputation for himself as right tackle on the foot-ball team, which bears the name of being the best eleven in the West. In almost every game Bro. Kingsbury's playing has been one of the features.

For the past week Alpha-Psi has been entertaining two of its old members, Lieutenant Carl Shuff, who is connected with the Third Nebraska Regiment, and Leonard H. Robbins, who has been in Princeton so far this year, but who has left the University to take a lucrative position on the *Philadelphia Press*. While at Princeton Bro. Robbins reported the foot-ball games for several New York and Philadelphia papers, and his accounts attracted a great deal of attention. It has been a source of great pleasure for Alpha-Psi to entertain these brothers, for both of them have been connected with the Chapter from its inception, and have always been especially faithful and loyal to it.

Recently the Chapter gave a dancing party, at its rooms, in honor of its visiting members and several outside friends. The rooms were so elaborately and tastefully decorated as to win universal commendation from the young ladies who were present. Alpha-Psi feels very proud of its quarters this year, for a great deal of time and money have been expended in putting things into their present condition. The Chapter may say, without being unduly arrogant or boastful, that none of the local Chapters are more conveniently and pleasantly situated than it is at the present time.

About two weeks ago a Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was installed in Lincoln, and before the holidays Delta Upsilon will have a Chapter here. There can be little question but that Fraternities are taking a more prominent place in the University than they have ever taken before, and this in spite of the fact that they have met with the violent opposition of the Literary societies.

Very fraternally,

NOVEMBER 26th, 1898.

SAM B. SLOAN.

ALPHA-OMEGA.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.

Since our last letter to THE CADUCEUS our Chapter has passed through a period of unusual interest in Fraternity life at William Jewell. Rivalry and Fraternity spirit have reached the high-water mark in our history. This condition of affairs being brought about by the legislation of the Faculty to the effect that no college men were eligible to Fraternity membership save those of the Junior and Senior classes. Fraternity material is, at best, rather scarce, and when four Fraternities have to be supplied with the number of new men necessary to make existence possible, the rush is exciting, and, to say the least, intensely interesting.

To meet the exigencies of the hour, and to discuss measures for the alleviation of the circumstances, the Fraternity resolved upon a pan-hellenic council. Through the courtesy of Kappa Alpha the meeting was held in their Chapter hall on September 27th, and Alpha-Omega's Correspondent was honored with the election of Chairman of the Council. After some brief discussion, in which representatives of the several Fraternities participated, a committee, consisting of one man from each Chapter, was appointed to draught a petition to be presented to the Faculty of the college, requesting the withdrawal of the restriction. This petition was univer-

sally signed, but never went before the Faculty. Subsequent to the pan-hellenic council, it transpired that a professor had given one of the "Frats." permission to pledge a man in the lower classes. This was directly in opposition to the ruling of the Faculty assembled. The other Fraternities investigated and demanded that justice be administered for this seemingly breach of the regulation. Investigation on the part of the Faculty seemed to involve other Fraternities in a like offense. It is our boast, however, that we cling strictly to the letter of the law, and have never violated our obligations. To settle the matter all the Greeks were brought before the honorable Faculty, and a hot discussion ensued. The upshot was this: Sophomores were enrolled in the list of eligible men, Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma were granted the privilege of pledging two men each, and Phi Gamma Delta, one man.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that we have numbered among our pledged men Mr. A. W. Miller and Mr. R. L. Bunch. These men are in every way desirable, and you will, no doubt, hear of them again.

On September 30th we enjoyed a visit from Bro. W. F. Yates, one of our Alumni, and his valuable suggestions and good counsel has the more endeared him to our hearts. We always welcome a visit from our Alumni, and especially such as Bro. Yates.

Bro. Scott represented us on the annual inter-society reading contest, and acquitted himself well. He came dangerously near getting a "place."

On the occasion of the William Jewell College—Nebraska foot-ball game, played in Kansas City on October 28th, we had the pleasure of giving the glad hand to representatives from our University of Nebraska Chapter, and we congratulate Alpha Psi on having men like Melford, Irwin, and Kingsbury.

Bro. Grady, who was with us last year, plays on the

"Medics" foot-ball team of Kansas City, one of the finest teams in the West.

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity gave an informal party to friends and representatives of the other Greeks, at the residence of Hon. H. F. Simrall, on Monday evening, November 21st. Miss Mary Bess Dougherty and Miss Leah Bell Courtney, two of our charming young friends, presided at the punch-bowl and dispensed the luscious nectar amid strains of harmonious music, while Bro. D. C. Simrall greatly enhanced the pleasure of the evening by his affability and genial manner.

The party was in every way a success, and we long for a repetition.

With a hearty grip to all fellow-Greeks, I am,
Yours, in and for Kappa Sigma,
NOVEMBER 23d, 1898. CARTER R. BISHOP.

BETA-ALPHA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Three cheers for the Grand Conclave at Chattanooga! We hope and trust that every Chapter in our broad land that possibly can will send delegates, for only thus can it be made a truly representative Conclave. For some of the more distant the expense will be considerable, but it will be more than justified by the renewal of interest and activity, and the quickening of Fraternity life and feeling that will surely follow. Although Tennessee seemed to us a long way off, yet Beta-Alpha, at her last regular meeting, unanimously voted to be represented, and we are glad to announce that Bro. F. S. Johnson, '99, will go to Chattanooga as our delegate. It is possible that one or two other brothers may also attend, though this is not as yet assured.

During the rushing season our Chapter was on the alert for new men, genuine, true-blue, loyal-hearted men, such as

Kappa Sigma always seeks. We found them, and the fact that several of them had declined invitations from other and older Chapters is an additional proof that we made no mistake in deeming them worthy to wear the Star and Crescent. We take pleasure, then, in introducing our new brothers to the Kappa Sigma world. They are: Carlos Grant Hilliard, '99, Saxton's River, Vt.; Harrison Tarbell Swain, '99, Lowell, Mass.; William Watson Wyckoff, '99, Marshall's Creek, Pa.; Willard Henry Bacon, 1900, Bellows Falls, Vt.; Ernest Hubbell Gilbert, 1900, Boston, Mass.; Charles Borrowes Dugan, 1901, Brinkerhoff, N. Y.; Harry Francis Kellogg, 1901, Fruit Hill, R. I.; Bertram Albert Warren, 1901, Providence, R. I.; Robert John Barker, 1902, Providence, R. I.; Emanuel Georges Psiaki, 1902, Providence, R. I.; Albert Langworthy Saunders, 1902, Westerly, R. I.

On November 11th we held our annual initiation banquet. The tables were sumptuously spread with an abundance of good things, and to say that we displayed the genuine Kappa Sigma spirit in the thoroughness and good cheer with which we relieved them of their burdens would be putting it mildly, indeed. But at last even the most valliant could eat no more; and then the speech-making began. Fraternal love, success for the future, struggles of the past, kindly regard for the gentle sex, the incalculable blessings and comforts of a good meal—these and many other sentiments were ably presented, but oftenest and best of all, love and enthusiasm for Kappa Sigma—feelings which seemed to burn in every breast, and which failed not whenever expressed in words, to call forth applause till the halls rang again. It was nearly 2 A. M. when we dispersed and climbed to our rooms in the "College on the Hill," having enjoyed, by the unanimous opinion of all, one of the pleasantest occasions of our whole Fraternity life.

Yours in Kappa Sigma,

DECEMBER 5th, 1898.

CHARLES I. GATES.

BETA-BETA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE, RICHMOND, VA.

Once more vacation has rolled around and again the campus is alive with students, some hurrying to and from their class-rooms, others standing in groups chatting about old times and passing comments on the Freshmen, who, as numerous as ever, entered the door of our classic halls.

Richmond College has kept up her good reputation this year on the gridiron. Out of five games she has won three, and in the other two was defeated only by a tithe. Bro. Robertson, one of our new men, played left half-back on the team. The College's prospects for base-ball are very good, and we fully expect to sustain our glorious reputation won by the team of '96-'97.

Our College is rapidly pursuing the path of progress, for only last week the new \$50,000 Science Hall was begun. Beta-Beta expects to get a suite of commodious rooms in this building, and for that reason, especially, we hail with joy its erection. Though our number is not as large as last year, and though we greatly miss our brothers who are not with us this year, yet we are doing well, and easily maintain our high standing, both in the Fraternity world and in the College at large. Only five men out of the eleven we had last year returned. We have taken in two new men, Bros. Robertson, and Pulliam, who, with Bro. R. W. Buchanan (Eta), who takes his B. L. here this year, increases our number to eight. We have our eyes on several other men, and have one pledged, and expect to increase our number to twelve before the close of the session. Bro. Williams, who was a "star" player on our foot-ball team of '97-98, was elected President of the Williams Law Association, a few days ago. He takes his B. L. this year, and is accorded the honor of being the hardest student in our Chapter. Three more of our men apply for

their degree this year, making five Kappa Sigmas in the graduating class.

Your Scribe is sorry he could not be represented in the September CADUCEUS, but thinking it would be best to be on a firm basis before writing, he postponed the letter until the next number.

Kappa Sigma has entered Richmond College to stay, and by the present prospects the Crescent and Star will, forever in the future, be the insignia of a powerful and controlling factor in the College, bearing the name of the capital city of the Old Dominion.

With best wishes to all the brothers, I remain,

Fraternally,

R. W. BUCHANAN.

NOVEMBER 28th, 1898.

BETA-GAMMA.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA, MO.

Here it is the evening before our Thanksgiving holidays begin, and your Scribe has just received a letter serving notice on him, emphatically underscored, that he must have a Chapter letter at headquarters by November 30th. A surprise, indeed, since we have heard nothing from our last letter. But since it is so commanded, and since we have conscientious scruples against violating the sacredness of holidays by doing any kind of mental labor whatsoever during them, we must set to work immediately in order to contribute Beta-Gamma's mite toward making the next issue of THE CADUCEUS a good one.

Since our last letter Beta-Gamma has been busy moving into, and getting settled down in, her Chapter-house. We were greatly in doubt at first about going into a Chapter-house, fearing that it would not be a wise step for us, as none

of us had had any experience in that line. Since going in, however, we find that it was the best thing we could have done. A Chapter-house is the nearest thing to "home" that a student can find. In fact, it seems to us that we ought to call it our Kappa Sigma "home," instead of Chapter-house.

In the morning at seven o'clock a special train leaves here loaded with students going to Kansas City to see the game of foot-ball between Missouri State University and Kansas. With us this is always the greatest game of the season, and the one that inspires our "tigers" to practice in rain, mud, and snow. All other games of the season are only preparations for this final contest. If we can only beat the Kansans we are satisfied, no matter how many other defeats we have met with. This year the war and accidents on the grid-iron have taken from us several of our best players, but, notwithstanding this, our hopes are still high that the "tigers" will bring us victory.

We have had the pleasure of meeting several brothers during the foot-ball season. Bro. Grady, of Alpha-Omega, played here with the Kansas City "Medics," and Bros. Melford, Irwin, and Kingsbury played with the Nebraska team. It was not only a pleasure, but a profit to us to meet them, since, having had more experience, they gave us many excellent suggestions on Fraternity matters.

It is with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation that we are looking forward to the coming Conclave. Our delegate will be there prepared to bring back to us volumes of inspiration. As it is our first opportunity to be represented in a Conclave, we feel that we could not afford to miss it at all.

With best wishes for the success of Kappa Sigma in whatever she undertakes, I am,

Fraternally,

J. CROCKETT EDWARDS.

NOVEMBER 23d, 1898.

BETA-DELTA.**WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.**

Fortune has favored us thus far in our Chapter work, and we have every reason to rejoice as the end of the first term draws nigh, in the success that has been ours.

Since our last letter we have initiated Mr. James Woodburn, 1902, Franklin, Pa.; Mr. W. S. Bryan, 1902, Indiana, Pa., and Mr. A. C. Watson, 1901, New Castle, Pa. These men, we feel sure, will bring honor to Kappa Sigma; they are all strong men in their classes. Bro. Bryan, while not just the same sort of man as the Right Honorable Williams Jennings, is a very desirable man because of his musical ability.

We have now 15 men, and one pledged, whom we hope to initiate soon. We have been very careful in the selection of men, and while considering in numbers there is strength, we have chosen only those who are among the very best.

It has been our intention to go into a house ever since we organized, but it was not possible for various reasons, this fall, so we are now getting ready to go into one in April, if a suitable one can be secured. We think that the best results of Fraternity life can be gotten by thus living together, that is, if the Chapter have a good system of By-laws, and see that they are observed.

Since our last letter we have had a visit from some of the brothers of the Pennsylvania Athletic Association whom we found to be fine fellows. We hope that the Pittsburg Alumni Association, and our Chapter can have closer relations, believing that we can thus both be helped. A great many boys of Beta-Delta are from Pittsburg and vicinity.

We are now preparing for our opening reception, which we hope to give soon. This we intend to make a very swell affair, as well as showing all a good time.

As the Conclave is to meet soon, of course it is our wish

that it be a grand success, which we know it will be. If possible we will have a delegate there.

With the best wishes for the success of Kappa Sigma, I am,

Yours in the bonds,

R. P. LIPPINCOTT.

NOVEMBER 29th, 1898.

BETA-EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, WIS.

When I noticed that the other new Chapters of our Fraternity had articles in the last number of THE CADUCEUS I felt that I had not done my duty to either our Chapter, or the Fraternity at large, by failing to contribute. However, as THE CADUCEUS was to appear so soon after the opening of work at Wisconsin it seemed there was nothing to report. But time has changed the state of affairs, and it is with great pleasure that I record the fact that the latest off-shoot of Kappa Sigma is a very healthy infant, thank you! and is in a position to command her share of Fraternity honors.

We started this year with a rather gloomy outlook, as neither Bro. Rogers nor Bro. McArthur returned, thus leaving four green hands to tend to Kappa Sigma's interests here. However, we were soon reinforced by Bro. Herrick, from Alpha Chi, and the little band of five has succeeded in landing five good men as follows: Bros. Clyde McKay, and W. F. Barber, 1900; Bro. A. K. Wheeler, 1901, and Bros. H. W. Biddison and S. G. Higgins, 1902, whom I wish to introduce to the Fraternity at large. These do not represent the total result of our labors, as we have other good men pledged and on the string, who will appear in Kappa Sigma's ranks before Christmas.

It seems to be the custom for Kappa Sigma to have her

share of college honors wherever she may be, and to show that Beta-Epsilon is a true Kappa Sigma—just examine the following:

Bro. Fisher has been Manager of our foot-ball team this past season, and has just taken the team through the best season, financially, of our history. He will undoubtedly be Manager next year also.

Bro Ford was Assistant Manager of the base-ball team last season, and was recently elected Manager for next spring.

Bro. Wheeler is the best jumper and pole vaulter this institution has claimed in six years, besides being a favorite among his fellow-students.

Bro. Barber is orator for his Literary Society on the Junior Ex., and is one of the best musicians in the institution.

Bro. McKay is President of the Junior Class, and a member of the University of Wisconsin Athletic Council.

I fear I have already taken up too much space, so, heartily thanking our sister Chapters for their cordial welcome, I remain,

Yours in the bonds,

G. W. MOSHER.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1898.

PERSONALS.

GAMMA.

James A. Moss, West Point, '94, was promoted for extraordinary bravery at the battle of El Caney, from Second Lieutenant, Twenty-fifth U. S. Inf., to First Lieutenant, Twenty-fourth U. S. Inf., with headquarters at Fort Russell, Wyoming.

ETA.

S. H. Turner is now teaching in the Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford City, Va.

Dr. W. C. Archer, of Beaver Pond, Va., was married on November 29th to Miss Mary B. Bridgeforth, of the same place.

J. Frank Blackwell, who was Principal of the Randolph-Macon Institute at Danville, Va., during the session of 1897-98, has moved to Front Royal, Va., where he is engaged in the drug business.

THETA.

There is now being issued from the press of the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House, a volume of poems, *From Dusk to Dusk*, by Bro. Cale Young Rice, a graduate of Cumberland University, and Harvard. From *The Cumberland Presbyterian* we clip the following notice of the work of our talented brother:

"A perusal of the book convinces us that the muse has favored Mr. Rice with no mean gift. The stanzas which we have read impress us with the opinion that this young author

has much of the insight into truth, appreciation of beauty, and felicity of expression which characterize genius. The poems are always thoughtful, even when the author attempts a lyric, but they are not didactic, expressing rather, in the language of calm contemplation, cherished ethical truths. Mechanically, the book is very attractive. We predict for it a favorable reception."

NU.

Rev. George E. Booker, Jr., who for the past two years has been pastor of the M. E. Church at Orange, Va., has been assigned to the Fairmount Avenue M. E. Church at Richmond, Va.

John W. Wright, First Lieutenant, Fifth U. S. Vol. Inf., son of General Marcus J. Wright, has been detached from his regiment and assigned to duty as additional aide-de-camp to General Leonard Wood, at Santiago. Mr. Wright was Adjutant of his regiment until the regiment was well drilled, and then resigned, preferring service with his company. Subsequently, he was placed on duty as Commissary and discharged the duties of that trying and important office to the satisfaction of his regiment and his superior officers. He is now the disbursing officer of the civil list in Santiago, a most important and responsible office. Mr. Wright was educated at the College of William and Mary, in Virginia, and his former schoolmates and friends will be glad to learn of the high position which he has attained, and the confidence reposed in him by General Wood in placing him in one of the most responsible places in his department.—Richmond (Va.) *Dispatch*.

SIGMA.

Elmore G. Dufour, who was Captain in Second Louisiana Vol. Inf., died on November 18th, from disease con-

tracted in camp. Bro. Dufour was a great favorite in his regiment, and a cherished member of our Tulane Chapter.

PHI.

Henry L. Bailey is Deputy County Clerk of Montgomery County, at Clarksville, Tenn.

Robert A. Cox, '97, is in the hardware and lumber business with his father, in Hico, Texas.

OMEGA.

Dr. Chas. M. Swartz, oculist, has removed to Bay City, Mich.

ETA PRIME.

Bro. William Atlas Finch, of North Carolina, was married to Miss Mary L. Ford, at Pamplin City, Va., November, 30th, 1898.

ALPHA-LAMDA.

Ide G. Sargeant, ex-'98, is Principal of one of the public schools in Paterson, N. J. He will devote his spare time to study for the degree of Ph. D., at Columbia.

ALPHA-TAU.

Frank B. Freyer, who recently entered the U. S. Naval Academy, succeeded in making the foot-ball team, and played a star game at full-back. Bro. Freyer continues to feel a deep interest in Kappa Sigma, being a regular subscriber to THE CADUCEUS.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

The Alumni of Phi Kappa Psi seem to have been particularly active this year. The October number of *The Shield* contains four new names upon the roll of Alumni Associations.

The Seventy-first Annual Convention of Delta Phi was held in Philadelphia, Pa., on November 24th and 25th. Dr. Samuel Hoffman, of Johns-Hopkins University, presided over the Convention.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has revived its Chapter at Cornell University. It is said to be composed of excellent material and to start out with bright prospects. The old Chapter was withdrawn by the Fraternity for permitting its standard of membership to be seriously lowered.

The Sixteenth Biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega meets in New Orleans, La., on December 28th, 29th, and 30th. Worthy Grand Chief Glazebrook has prepared a mass of instructive literature relating to the Congress, and it would seem that the gathering is to be a highly successful one.

"In the nine years beginning with 1890, Kappa Sigma has broken all records in extension of college Fraternities, not only during the present decade, but during all previous decades. In that period Kappa Sigma has added 30 new Chapters, two of which, however, have since died."—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

"The Ohio Wesleyan Chapter of Sigma Chi has initiated a man whose natural genius finds its home in impersonation ;

and the various characters whose similitudes are reproduced by his skill, are standards and a resource for subsequent aspirants.' In other words, he is an assistant professor of oratory."—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

"Sylvester Scovel, the yellow-newspaper man who slapped General Shafter at Santiago, was a member of the Class of '91, at Michigan. The Fraternities began to rush him in his Freshman year, but he insisted on doing all the entertaining, mostly by talking about himself, and so remained a barbarian to the end."—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* says it is an inspiration and a joy to read the story of that Fraternity in the late war with Spain. Among those members, being either in the army or concerned with the management of the war, are given the names, John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy; General M. C. Butler, Whitelaw Reid, of the Peace Commission; Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, and John Addison Porter, the Secretary to President McKinley.

"A prominent example of double Fraternity membership is that of Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, U. S. Minister to Spain, who is claimed by both Delta Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon. A recent picture shows the diplomat wearing a Delta Psi watch charm, a fact that seems to indicate—so some of our exchanges think—a preference for the former Order. Such double membership was not uncommon in the early days of Fraternities, it seems, though impossible to-day."—*Western College Magazine*.

"The Semi-Centennial Celebration and Biennial Convention of Phi Delta Theta will be held at Columbus, Ohio, November 21st to 25th. An elaborate program has been announced. It is expected that the three surviving members of the six founders of the Fraternity will be present. The most

important piece of legislation before the Fraternity is the adoption of a new Constitution. The founding of the new University of Cincinnati Chapter by chartering the Gamma Nu Sigma Society (local) on July 2d gives Phi Delta Theta a total of 64 Chapters."—*Western College Magazine*.

The following institutions, according to Baird, support but one general men's Fraternity; Bethany College, West Virginia, Beta Theta Pi; Lake Forest University, Illinois, Kappa Sigma; Muhlenberg, Pennsylvania, and Charleston College, South Carolina, Alpha Tau Omega; North Georgia Agricultural, North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and the University of Washington, Sigma Nu; New Hampshire College of Agriculture, Q. T. V.; St. Stephens, New York, and Simpson College, Iowa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; University of Southern California, Sigma Chi; Armour Institute, Chicago, Phi Kappa Sigma.

"The munificent founder of the new medical college in New York City, which is to be a department of Cornell University, is Col. Oliver H. Payne, son of the late Senator Payne, of Ohio, and brother of the late Mrs. William C. Whitney. Colonel Payne, whose connection with the Standard Oil Company for many years past has brought to him a large fortune, gives \$1,600,000, of which about \$600,000 will be expended for an entire block of land in the city, and the fine building to be erected upon it, while the remainder will be an endowment fund. In California, Miss Jennie Flood, daughter of the late James C. Flood—one of the four "Bonanza" millionaire miners of the Comstock—has just given to the University of California her beautiful country house at Menlo Park, with 540 acres of land surrounding it."—*The Independent*.

"Mr. Willis O. Robb, reviewing *American College Fraternities* in the June *Beta Theta Pi*, says that Southern Kappa

Alpha is "easily the first" Fraternity in the South. Although we might fairly claim that this has long gone without saying, we nevertheless appreciate the concession from *Beta Theta Pi*, of which Mr. Baird, the author of *College Fraternities*, is the distinguished editor.'—*Kappa Alpha Journal* for May, 1898.

"The above shows the danger of quoting without the context. Had a quotation of larger size been clipped the reader would have been informed that the matter in which Southern Kappa Alpha was said to be 'easily the first' was the number of Chapters it possesses in the Southern States. If the editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* regards the *concession* of such a fact as valuable, he is more than welcome to all the glory that can be extracted from the statement."—*Beta Theta Pi*.

At the Phi Delta Theta convention, held in Columbus, Ohio, November 23d, 24th, and 25th, Dr. J. Edward Brown, of Columbus, was unanimously elected President. He declined and nominated J. Clark Moore, of Philadelphia, who was chosen.

Other officers elected were: Secretary, Frank D. Swope, Louisville; Treasurer, H. H. Ward, Cleveland; Reporter, Hugh T. Miller, Indianapolis; Historian, Dr. McCluny Radcliffe, Philadelphia; Trustees, R. H. Switzler, Kansas City; Emmett Tompkins, and Dr. J. A. Brown, Columbus; A. A. Stearns, Cleveland.

Miss Mary French Field, daughter of the late Eugene Field, appeared before the convention by invitation, and read from her father's writings. Mr. Field was a member of the Fraternity, and at the conclusion of the reading Miss Field was elected as the daughter of the organization. This honor she accepted by saying:

"I hope to be a good daughter to the Fraternity, and a good sister to you all."

Professional Directory.

A Directory to facilitate exchange of business between Kappa Sigmas in professional work in different cities, and all members of the Fraternity who desire consultation, or who have professional business to be transacted at any of these places.

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